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Emily Scott walks through the ruins of her house burned in the Carr Fire, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, in Shasta, Calif.

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DeVos proposes another rollback on for-profit college rules

By **COLLIN BINKLEY**

The Trump administration plans to roll back another major Obama-era rule that was created to police the for-profit college industry, according to a proposal issued by the Education Department on Friday.

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said the gainful employment regulation should be scrapped entirely, arguing that it wasn't backed up by research and created burdensome reporting requirements for schools. The rule sought to punish for-profit college programs that left graduates with heavy debt compared to their incomes.

DeVos' proposal represents the Education Department's second planned rollback of a major Obama-era rule in a matter of weeks.

On July 25, DeVos proposed changes to the so-called borrower defense rule to toughen the process by which defrauded students can get their loans erased, saying it had become too easy for students to skip out on their debt.

The rules were part of the Obama administration's crackdown on for-profit colleges, which was fueled by widespread complaints of fraud against chains including Corinthian Colleges and ITT Technical Institute. Both chains collapsed under pressure from Obama officials.

Under the 2014 gainful employment rule, college programs could be cut off from federal funding if the average debt ratio of their graduates stayed above a certain limit for two out of three straight years.

The rule also required schools to publicize debt and earnings data for their programs, which aimed to help students avoid programs with poor outcomes. But DeVos said that, instead of punishing schools, her department plans to give more information to students by publishing earnings data for programs at all colleges and universities, not just those in the for-profit industry.

"Students deserve useful



In this June 5, 2018, file photo, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos testifies during a Senate Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

and relevant data when making important decisions about their education post-high school," she said. "That's why instead of targeting schools simply by their tax status, this administration is working to ensure students have transparent, meaningful information about all colleges and all programs."

In early 2017, the Education Department found that more than 800 programs bound by the gainful employment rules, or about 10 percent, were failing to meet its debt threshold. But before any programs lost funding, DeVos delayed the rule last year and moved to rewrite it.

The Education Department estimates that revoking the rule will add \$5.3 billion in federal costs over the next decade. Department officials will gather public input on the proposal for 30 days

before it can be finalized. Arguing against the regulation, DeVos' proposal says it was "more burdensome than previously anticipated" and that officials found "troubling inconsistencies" in the way job placement rates were calculated and reported.

DeVos also questioned the debt ratio that schools were required to meet. The rule gave programs a pass as long as a typical graduate's debt didn't exceed 8 percent of his or her total earnings, a debt threshold borrowed from the mortgage industry.

But in the same study that the Obama administration cited in support of that figure, the authors warn that it "has no particular merit or justification" as a student debt ceiling. DeVos cited that warning, saying it raises questions about using the figure as a "critical,

high-stakes test of purported program performance." Opponents were quick to attack the rollback on Friday, including some from the Obama administration, saying it loosens accountability and allows shoddy programs to keep their doors open.

John B. King Jr., who was Obama's education secretary in 2016, called the proposal "outrageous and irresponsible."

"By withdrawing the gainful employment regulations, the Trump administration is once again choosing the interests of executives and shareholders of predatory for-profit higher education institutions over protecting students and taxpayers," said King, who is now president and CEO of the nonprofit Education Trust.

James Kvaal, president of the nonprofit Institute For College Access and Suc-

cess, said the gainful employment rules prevented students from getting swamped with loans and had already spurred programs to improve.

"The administration put its cards on the table today, and it's clear that it has little interest in protecting students or taxpayers from excessive, unaffordable student debts," Kvaal said. But the news was welcomed by some in the for-profit college industry, which fiercely opposed the rule under Obama.

Steve Gunderson, president of Career Education Colleges and Universities, the industry's biggest lobbying group, said the proposal widens transparency and "could be the most significant consumer protection for all college students in all colleges and all programs."

"Now is the time to move beyond ideological attacks on any one sector of higher education and establish a uniform commitment to transparency of outcomes that can stand the test of time," he said.

The for-profit industry has suffered steep enrollment losses for years, forcing some chains to close dozens of campuses or shutter all together. Many blamed their woes on the Obama administration and the tightened regulations it imposed. But since Donald Trump brought his business-friendly approach to the White House, the industry has seen a shift in its favor. Several former industry executives have gained powerful roles within the Education Department, including Julian Schmoke Jr., a former dean for DeVry University who now leads a unit that investigates fraud, and Robert Eitel, a former lawyer for Bridgepoint Education who serves as a senior counselor to DeVos.

Critics have said the hirings suggest favoritism toward for-profit colleges, but industry officials insist they aren't getting special treatment and say the administration has barred them from direct meetings with the former executives. □

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California crews scramble to keep flames from reaching homes

By **MARCIO SANCHEZ** and
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LAKE ELSINORE, Calif. (AP)

— Firefighters worked Friday to keep a growing Southern California forest fire that is feeding on dry brush and trees from reaching foothill neighborhoods a day after flames roared to new ferocity and came within yards of homes. Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency for Orange and Riverside counties as the fire carved its way along ridges in the Cleveland National Forest.

Some hillsides were allowed to burn under the watchful eyes of firefighters as a way to reduce fuel and make it harder for flames to jump roadways into communities if winds pick up again.

Aircraft dropped liquid that suppresses flames as people sprayed their houses with water from garden hoses when the blaze south of Los Angeles flared again Thursday evening, propelled by 20-mph (30-kph) gusts.

Shannon Hicks, 59, defied an evacuation order and watched in awe as firefighters faced down a storm of flames that descended toward her street in the city of Lake Elsinore.

"It looked like a tornado. The flames were just twirling and twirling," she said. "I thought, there's no way they're saving my house. But somehow they did."

Hundreds more firefighters joined the battle, bringing the total to 1,200. The so-called Holy Fire has chewed through 28 square miles (72 square kilometers) of dense chaparral and is only partially contained.

It's one of nearly 20 blazes across the state, which is seeing earlier, longer and

more destructive wild-fire seasons because of drought, warmer weather attributed to climate change and home construction deeper into forests.

Firefighters aided by cooler weather have made good progress against a blaze burning for nearly a month near Yosemite National Park in the northern part of the state. The park was set to reopen Tuesday after a two-week closure, park spokesman Scott Gediman said Friday.

Visitors should expect limited hours and visitor services next week as the park returns to normal, he said. The blaze didn't reach the heart of the park and instead burned in remote areas, making roads inaccessible and polluting the area with smoke.

The closure dealt a financial blow to Yosemite at the height of the summer season and caused upheaval for thousands of tourists whose summer trips were canceled.

Officials also gained more control over two other major Northern California wildfires, including the largest in recorded state history.

In the south, Cleveland National Forest officials tweeted that the flames outside Los Angeles were growing as fast as crews can build lines to contain them.

"We continue to actively engage, but cannot get ahead of the fire," the statement said.

Teresita Reyes was among some 20,000 people forced to evacuate, saying she was attending a wedding Wednesday when she received the order. The 51-year-old state health inspector congratulated the

couple and left quietly for her house in the city of Lake Elsinore to grab important documents.

Since then, Reyes and her husband have been staying at a hotel with a faulty air conditioner while their three dogs and cat are holed up at the family's plumbing business.

"It is nerve-wracking and unreal," she said. "We were on pins and needles for a little while there because it got real close."

The fire was deliberately set. A resident of the small community of Holy Jim Canyon in the national forest has been charged with arson and other crimes and appeared in a jailhouse courtroom Friday.

Forrest Clark, 51, made several outbursts, claiming his life was being threatened. A court commissioner postponed his arraignment until Aug. 17 and ordered bail to remain at \$1 million.

"May I pay for that immediately?" asked Clark, who could face life in prison if convicted.

At one point, Clark covered his face with his long hair and later stared directly at a camera providing a video feed to reporters outside the courtroom.

Michael Milligan, chief of the Holy Jim Volunteer Fire Department, has told the Orange County Register that Clark had a decade-long feud with neighbors and had sent him threatening emails last week, including one that said, "This place will burn."

The fire — named for the canyon where it started — destroyed a dozen cabins after it broke out Monday. Firefighters were trying to keep flames away from Santiago Peak, where criti-



Volunteers with Samaritan's Purse sift through the charred remains of a home burned in the Carr Fire, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, in Redding, Calif.

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cal communication infrastructure is located.

Crews turned a corner in their battle against Northern California's Mendocino Complex Fire, the largest-ever in California, getting it halfway contained. The fire more than 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of Sacra-

mento has destroyed more than 100 homes and blackened an area about the size of Los Angeles.

Near the Northern California city of Redding, the year's deadliest fire was nearly half-surrounded and was burning into remote and rugged forest land. □



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St. Louis DA victory latest for Black Lives Matter movement

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK
AP National Writer

When LaShell Eikerenkoetter cast her vote for Wesley Bell in the St. Louis County Democratic primary on Tuesday, she took the spirit of Michael Brown with her to the ballot box.

She had a sole purpose on Election Day: Get rid of Bob McCulloch, the veteran prosecutor who did not get an indictment against the white former Ferguson, Missouri, police officer who fatally shot the unarmed, black 18-year-old four years ago this week.

"To show that four years later, when this man — who could've given us justice decided not to and did everything in his power to do the opposite — that we hadn't forgotten about him and that Mike Brown was still in our hearts. ... Getting him out was for the family, for all the people that have fought, and for everybody that we have lost," the 28-year-old Eikerenkoetter, who is black, said Thursday after attending a protest marking the anniversary of Brown's Aug. 9, 2014, death. "It was about so much more than getting Bob McCulloch out. It was about what he represented."

Bell's 57 percent to 43 percent victory over McCulloch, a white prosecutor first elected in 1990, is the latest win for the Black Lives Matter movement, which has increasingly shifted from protest to local politics in recent years. Voters concerned with the killing of unarmed black people by police have made their voices heard from Ferguson to Cleveland to Chicago. In a clear sign of the interest and enthusiasm around



the race, more St. Louis County residents voted in the district attorney's contest for Bell, a black city councilman, than for any other candidate on Tuesday's ballot — more than 103,000. Nearly 1 in 4 St. Louis County residents are African-American, and blacks make up at least a quarter of the county's Democratic voters.

In the five years since the Black Lives Matter movement began largely on social media with a galvanizing hashtag in the wake of neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman's acquittal in the 2012 shooting death of Trayvon Martin in Florida, the issue of police killing unarmed black people has not only made headlines and sparked protests across the country. It also has spurred political campaigns, motivated black voters and

polarized NFL fans. And activists have expanded the platform beyond policing to address systemic racism in areas including housing, education and employment.

"We must always vote for issues and not just candidates," said Charlene Carruthers, national director of BYP100, a Chicago-based group that mobilized voters in 2016 to oust Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez for her handling of the 2014 police shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald.

"People in elected positions have so much power over what our communities have and don't have," Carruthers said. "While we do transformative work of building alternatives to prisons and policing, we can at a minimum elect candidates who will either support us or stay out of the

way."

The same night Alvarez lost her election in Illinois two years ago, Cuyahoga County voters replaced prosecutor Tim McGinty for his response to the 2014 killing of 12-year-old Tamir Rice by a Cleveland police officer.

Last year, Black Lives Matter activists also began to turn their attention to state legislatures, launching an online platform and building on momentum at the national level to push back against President Donald Trump's administration, which has been unfriendly to the movement and has embraced local law enforcement.

Police reform — absent from recent presidential election cycles — became an issue in the 2016 Democratic presidential nominee contest, and candidate Hillary Clinton campaigned

with the Mothers of the Movement, black women whose children were killed by police and white men like Michael Dunn, who fatally shot 17-year-old Jordan Davis in 2012 in Florida. Davis' mother, Lucy McBath, is a congressional candidate who recently won a Democratic primary runoff for a Georgia House seat. The first-time candidate was motivated to enter the race because of her son's death.

In the wake of Ferguson, organizers worked to register more black voters. Bell and Ella Jones, who also is black, were elected to the Ferguson City Council in the 2015 municipal elections, where turnout tripled. The city's police chief and a judge also resigned.

Ahead of this week's St. Louis County prosecutor's race, the online civil rights organization Color of Change sent text messages to more than 95,000 residents encouraging them to vote for Bell and put up a billboard supporting Bell. Spokesman Rashad Robinson, who has worked to elect district attorneys across the country since 2014, said such elections are about more than just politics for black voters, but about translating energy into shifting the rules.

"For (McCulloch) to go down this way because of the organizing that took place and because of people truly sending a message that St. Louis deserves both safety and justice ... I hope this sends a powerful message to district attorneys around the country that they're on notice," Robinson said.

For Kayla Reed, the victory made her proud, especially for her community. □

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Jury backs man who claims Roundup weed killer caused cancer

By PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A San Francisco jury on Friday ordered agribusiness giant Monsanto to pay \$289 million to a former school groundskeeper dying of cancer, saying the company's popular Roundup weed killer contributed to his disease.

Dewayne Johnson's lawsuit was the first of hundreds of cases filed in state and federal courts alleging that Roundup causes non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which Monsanto denies. Jurors in state Superior Court agreed the product contributed to Johnson's cancer and the company should have provided a label warning of the potential health hazard. Johnson's attorneys sought and won \$39 million in compensatory damages and \$250 million of the \$373 million

they wanted in punitive damages.

"This jury found Monsanto acted with malice and oppression because they knew what they were doing was wrong and doing it with reckless disregard for human life," said Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a member of Johnson's legal team. "This should send a strong message to the boardroom of Monsanto."

Monsanto has denied a link between the active ingredient in Roundup — glyphosate — and cancer, saying hundreds of studies have established that glyphosate is safe.

Monsanto spokesman Scott Partridge said the company will appeal. Partridge said scientific studies and two government agencies have concluded that Roundup does not cause cancer.

"We are sympathetic to Mr.

Johnson and his family," Partridge said. "We will appeal this decision and continue to vigorously defend this product, which has a 40-year history of safe use and continues to be a vital, effective, and safe tool for farmers and others."

Johnson used Roundup and a similar product, Ranger Pro, as a pest control manager at a San Francisco Bay Area school district, his lawyers said. He sprayed large quantities from a 50-gallon tank attached to a truck, and during gusty winds, the product would cover his face, said Brent Wisner, one of his attorneys.

Once, when a hose broke, the weed killer soaked his entire body.

Johnson read the label and even contacted the company after developing a rash but was never warned it could cause cancer, Wis-



In this July, 9, 2018, file photo, plaintiff DeWayne Johnson looks up during a brief break as the Monsanto trial continues in San Francisco.

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ner said. He was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2014 at age 42.

"The simple fact is he is going to die. It's just a matter of time," Wisner told the jury in his opening statement last month.

But George Lombardi, an attorney for Monsanto, said non-Hodgkin's lymphoma takes years to develop, so Johnson's cancer must have started well before he began working at the school district.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says Roundup's active ingredient is safe for people when used in accordance with label directions.

However, the France-based International Agency for Research on Cancer, which is part of the World Health Organization, classified it as a "probable human carcinogen" in 2015. California added glyphosate to its list of chemicals known to cause cancer. □

Man says he killed city worker over yard rule 'harassment'

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah man who shot and killed a city worker, torched her truck and set his neighbor's house on fire told witnesses that he did it after "years of harassment" over laws requiring cleanup of trash and weeds outside his home, police said Friday. Kevin Wayne Billings, 64, said the code enforcement officer in suburban Salt Lake City "got what she deserved," police said in jail

documents.

Jill Robinson had dealt with Billings before, but it was a routine call and code enforcement officers don't aim to harass residents, officials said.

He poured gasoline on Robinson's city pickup truck, then set it ablaze Thursday, police said. He also started a fire on his neighbor's deck that spread to their home and destroyed it, killing six dogs and two cats, police said.

Billings had wrongly ac-

cused the neighbors of reporting his yard to the city, a spokeswoman for the couple who lived next door said.

As the fires burned, he stood in his driveway, near the body, witnesses told police.

Billings was arrested on suspicion of aggravated arson, murder and other charges. No attorney was listed for him in court records, and there was no answer at a publicly listed phone number.

Police say they found an assault-style rifle, a handgun, bolt cutters, a propane torch and gas containers in his house.

Robinson, 52, was an unarmed, civilian worker who typically dealt with complaints about unkempt yards or abandoned cars, West Valley City officials said. Code enforcement officers are trained to leave and call police if people get hostile.

Robinson was remembered as a mother, grandmother

and dedicated employee who loved softball. She had worked for the city for 10 years.

"She was always very friendly, quick to wave when you'd see her," city spokesman Sam Johnson said.

Other code enforcement officers were pulled off the streets immediately after the slaying.

It wasn't clear how long that would last and it was too early to say if any safety changes would be made, Johnson said. □

Women's group behind rebel memorials quietly battles on

By ALLEN G. BREED

AP National Writer

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) —

On a glorious, late-spring day, Maya Little strode across the poplar-lined University of North Carolina quadrangle, past protesters and a uniformed officer. She stepped onto the base of the Confederate soldier statue that has stood there since 1913, and splashed it with a mixture of red ink and her own blood.

The 25-year-old doctoral candidate was sending a message to Chancellor Carol Folt that the monument — nicknamed "Silent Sam" — was an affront to black students like her, "the celebration of an army that fought for our ancestors' enslavement." But Little was also speaking to the group responsible for erecting this memorial to "the Lost Cause" — the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

"There is no Silent Sam without black blood, without violence towards black people," Little said recently as she sat in the statue's shadow, campus security guards hovering behind nearby trees and columns. "I would say all that blood is on their hands. And it will continue to be until they take a stand — until they ... make an effort to take these monuments down and to be a part of actual racial equality, racial justice."

But the Daughters had already made their position clear months before Little's protest and arrest. Last summer, in the wake of riots over the proposed removal of a monument to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee in Charlottesville, Virginia, the group issued a rare public statement.

"We are grieved that certain hate groups have taken the Confederate flag and other symbols as their own," President General Patricia M. Bryson wrote following the Aug. 12 clashes that left one woman dead. But while Bryson insisted that the UDC condemns anyone who "promotes racial divisiveness or white supremacy," she argued that



In this Saturday, June 6, 2015 file photo, Holly Larkowski, left, and her mother, Sharon Edmondson, both members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, wear Civil War-era mourning dresses during the UDC's 149th annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at Stonewall Cemetery in Winchester, Va.

the Confederate ancestors honored by these memorials "were and are Americans."

She issued a call of her own: "Join us in denouncing hate groups and affirming that Confederate memorial statues and monuments are part of our shared American history and should remain in place."

Most people might know the UDC as that group of mainly older women who dress in widow's weeds and gather on Confederate Memorial Day to lay wreaths of boxwood and holly and sing mournful renditions of "Dixie" in honor of the estimated 260,000 Confederate service members who died in the Civil War. Seeing them arrayed in their broad-brimmed hats and red-and-white sashes, it would be easy to dismiss the Daughters as a quaint anachronism.

That would be a mistake.

As memorials have toppled and Confederate place names have vanished in the year since the Charlottesville riots, the Daughters have fought back with lawsuits aimed at stopping the removal of rebel monuments from public spaces. Heidi Beirich of the Southern Poverty Law Center counts the group among the leading proponents of the "cult of the Lost Cause" — noting

it has distributed literature that claims most African-Americans were "ready and willing" to serve slave owners and that northern nullification of Southerners' rights forced the War Between the States.

"I wouldn't put them on ... our hate group list," says Beirich. "But they are still perpetuating some of the vilest ideas in American history, and the ones that we've worked so hard to get rid of."

The national UDC — headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, capital of the former Confederate States of America — did not respond to requests for comment. Founded Sept. 10, 1894, the UDC sprang from women's "hospital associations, sewing societies and knitting circles" across the South that worked to aid Confederate soldiers, according to its website. The group's articles of incorporation list five key objectives: "Historical, Benevolent, Educational, Memorial and Patriotic."

Membership is open to descendants of those who served honorably in the Confederate military or "who gave material aid to the cause." Applicants cannot use an ancestor who took the oath of allegiance to the United States before April 9, 1865, when Lee surrendered at Appomattox.

After the war, the group offered assistance to Confederate widows and orphans. But its most visible legacy is one of metal and stone.

Members of the South's most prominent families, the Daughters dedicated themselves to telling what they considered "a truthful history" of the war. So adept were they at raising funds through bazaars and bake sales that when the United Confederate Veterans had trouble funding a memorial to Jefferson Davis in Richmond, the Daughters took over the project. The memorial, with its semi-circular colonnade and 67-foot-high column, was dedicated on June 3, 1907 — the 99th anniversary of Davis' birth.

The SPLC attributes some 450 monuments, markers, buildings and other commemoratives to UDC efforts. The memorials range from modest statues like Silent Sam to the soaring 351-foot concrete obelisk marking the Kentucky birthplace of Davis, the Confederacy's only president. The vast majority were erected during the late 19th and early 20th centuries — when states were enacting Jim Crow laws meant to disenfranchise blacks — and amid the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s.

But the Daughters' influ-

ence extended beyond the regional boundaries of the Confederacy. Until last August, when it was dismantled, there was a Confederate memorial fountain in Helena, Montana. A UDC-funded marker also stood on Georges Island in Boston Harbor, until Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker, a Republican, called for its removal. Both are now in storage.

In its heyday around World War I, the UDC was about 100,000 strong, but in a 2000 speech, then-President General June Murray Wells estimated there were around 25,000 members across 700 chapters in 32 states.

"I don't know if we've got one more generation left in it," says historian Karen L. Cox, author of "Dixie's Daughters: The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Preservation of Confederate Culture." The group, nevertheless, still wields influence.

When Vanderbilt University decided to change the name of Confederate Memorial Hall, the Daughters' Tennessee Division sued for breach of contract. In 2016, the UDC won a \$1.2 million judgment — the current-day value of the \$50,000 donation the group made toward construction of the dormitory back in 1935.

Last August, after the San Antonio City Council voted to remove a Confederate soldier monument from Travis Park, the local UDC chapter sued, claiming that it owned not only the monument but the ground beneath it. That case is pending.

Another lawsuit was filed in Louisiana after the Caddo Parish Commission adopted a resolution on Oct. 19 to remove a Confederate monument from its courthouse grounds. UDC's Shreveport chapter claimed ownership, based on a 1903 vote by the Caddo Parish Police Jury appropriating \$1,000 for the monument's construction and designating that a portion of the courthouse square be reserved for that purpose. □

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Questions raised about timing of New Mexico compound search

By **STEPHEN R. GROVES** and
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AMALIA, N.M. (AP) — A property owner questioned Friday why authorities did not search a squalid New Mexico compound sooner for a missing boy, saying he told them in late spring that he had met the child's father at the site and that the man was wanted in Georgia for kidnapping his own son.

While touring the ramshackle living quarters littered with ammunition, diesel cans, used diapers, household garbage and Qurans on his property, Jason Badger also said he believed he saw the searched-for boy by his father's side in January, wearing a hooded jacket.

Badger said in an interview that he learned through an online search this spring that Wahhaj was wanted in the disappearance of son Abdul-ghani Wahhaj and reported his earlier encounter to law enforcement authorities in New Mexico and Georgia — and eventually to the FBI.

Authorities did not search the compound for the severely disabled boy until last week in a raid that resulted in the arrest of Wahhaj and four other adults on child neglect charges after 11 other children were found at the compound.

A second search on Monday uncovered a child's body that hasn't been positively identified by a state medical examiner, although Wahhaj's father, also named Siraj Wahhaj, said this week that the

body found is his grandson. "If they knew about it, and then that kid died in that time frame, when they knew, somebody has to be held accountable," Badger said.

Taos County Sheriff's Department Steve Fullendorf spokesman downplayed Badger's criticism of the investigation, saying Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe did everything he could possible under the law and had to follow certain restrictions.

"Mr. Badger doesn't have to adhere to those same restrictions," Hogrefe said. "He wants to have his 15 minutes of fame and that's fine."

Hogrefe has said the FBI put the New Mexico compound under surveillance in recent months and took photographs, but he could not initially get a warrant to enter because collected did not show the boy or his father.

That changed when a note was forwarded to Georgia authorities saying children inside the compound were starving, Hogrefe said.

The missing boy's grandfather, who leads a well-known mosque in New York, said his adult daughter, who was in the compound, sent the note to a man in Georgia. That man then notified the grandfather, who said he contacted police.

The five adults, including the imam's two children and a second adult daughter, have been charged with child abuse stemming from the alleged neglect of the 11 children found living in filth in the compound on



This aerial image shows a tunnel that is part of a remote outpost near Amalia, N.M. on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018.

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the outskirts of tiny Amalia, New Mexico.

Prosecutors also have accused them in court documents of training children to use firearms in preparation for future school shootings, although no charges have been filed in response to the accusation that came from a new foster parent of one of the 11 children removed from the compound.

Refuse at the compound included live ammunition and training rounds with no real projectiles used to train people how to load and fire guns.

The suspects are being jailed without bail in New Mexico and one of them, Lucas Morton, also faces a charge of harboring a felon. He is accused of refusing to tell authorities the younger Siraj Wahhaj's location during the compound raid.

Wahhaj eventually was found armed with multiple

firearms, including an assault rifle, authorities said.

Wahhaj's son, Abdul-ghani, was 3 years old when he was abducted from his mother in December in Jonesboro, near Atlanta, authorities said. He has been described as having health problems that require constant attention because of a lack of oxygen and blood flow at birth.

A warrant said the father at some point told his wife he wanted to perform an exorcism on the boy, who suffers seizures and requires constant attention because of a lack of oxygen and blood flow at birth.

The elder Wahhaj said he did not know anything about his son wanting to perform an exorcism on the boy. But he said his son and one of his daughters had become "overly concerned" with the idea of people becoming possessed. In an interview with

WSB-TV in Atlanta, the boy's mother called for "justice" on Thursday as she described how her life had been taken from her after her son was abducted by his father. She said that was out of character for him.

She and Siraj Ibn Wahhaj had been married almost 14 years, and she said he disappeared after saying he was taking the boy to a park.

"I wasn't able to save my son," she said.

Badger owns the property where the Siraj Ibn Wahhaj and the others constructed the makeshift compound around a half-buried camper, walled off by walls of used tires and adobe topped with broken glass. An underground tunnel — big enough to crawl through — led in and out of the compound, which was flanked by an apparent target range. Dozens of spent casings were left behind. □

Shooting in Canadian city leaves 4 dead, including 2 police

By ROB GILLIES

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — A shooting in a small Canadian city Friday that left four people dead, including two police officers who were responding to a call of shots fired, struck a nerve in a country that has been roiled in recent months by several instances of mass violence. People in Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick in the eastern part of the country, said they heard as many as 20 gunshots following a confrontation that prompted police to initially cordon off a large section of the city with emergency vehicles and order residents to remain inside their homes and businesses. Finally, after a tense period of waiting, authorities disclosed the toll: Among the four killed were two officers, a rare case of police killed in the line of duty in Canada.

Fredericton's deputy police chief Martin Gaudet said the two officers arrived at the apartment complex and saw two deceased



Police and RCMP officers survey the area of a shooting in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada on Friday, Aug. 10, 2018.

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civilians before being shot and killed themselves.

Gaudet says a 48-year old man with serious injuries was arrested. They didn't identify him.

No motive has been disclosed for the shooting.

Fredericton Police Chief Leanne Fitch identified the officers killed as Sara Burns, 43, who was married

with three children, and 45-year-old Robb Costello who had a common law partner and four children. The two civilians killed, a man and a woman, were

not identified.

Costello was a 20-year veteran of the force. Burns had been on the force for two years.

Several other victims were being treated at a regional hospital, but there were no immediate details on the nature of their injuries or their conditions.

"Our hearts are broken by the murder of our two brave police officers," Fredericton Mayor Mike O'Brien said in a tweet.

The entire province of New Brunswick had 11 homicides in 2016.

In Fredericton, a city of about 60,000 residents, people said they were stunned by the scene, which occurred as people were heading to work or dropping children at a day care center not far from the apartment complex where the shooting took place.

"This is the first time I've even heard of any serious crime or violent crime in this city," said Travis Hrubeniuk, whose fiancée had just left their home when the sirens began. □

Romanian expats stage huge anti-govt protest in Bucharest

By ALISON MUTLER

Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)

— Tens of thousands of Romanians flocked to an anti-government protest from places near and far as local residents joined a demonstration organized by expatriates Friday, urging the left-wing government to resign and call an early election.

The expatriates supporting the event in Bucharest, some of whom drove across Europe to attend, said they were angry at how Romania is being governed. Critics say the country has lost ground in fighting corruption since the ruling Social Democratic Party assumed power in 2016.

An estimated 3 million Romanians live abroad, and some say they left because of corruption, low wages and a lack of opportunities. "We don't want our country to be governed by thieves



Protesters try to push through a riot police line outside the government headquarters, in Bucharest, Romania, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018.

Associated Press

who line their own pockets," said Georgeta Anghel, 43, who has lived in Spain for 14 years. "If nothing changes here, what kind of future will our son have?" Some participants scuffled with riot police when they tried to break through a police line guarding the government offices. Sever-

al people were detained, and police fired tear gas multiple times. Late Friday, officers fired water cannon. The Bucharest-Ilfov Ambulance service said more than 200 people received medical treatment, both protesters and police officers. Some sustained head injuries, while others were

overcome by the tear gas, the service said.

Romania's President Klaus Iohannis, a critic of the government, said he "firmly condemned the brutal intervention of riot police," which he called disproportionate reaction to a protest where most were peaceful.

Romania ranks as one of the most corrupt countries in the European Union and Brussels keeps its justice system under special monitoring.

Liviu Dragnea, the head of the Social Democrats, received a 3½-year prison sentence for abuse of power in office, a decision he is appealing. Dragnea was unable to be prime minister when his party won the December 2016 parliamentary election due to a vote-rigging conviction earlier that year.

"This government is crassly incompetent and corrupt,"

said Mircea Campeanu, a medical auditor living in the Netherlands who drove to Romania to attend the protest.

Hundreds of thousands of Romanians have signed a petition demanding a law that would ban people indicted for corruption and other offenses from political office, but it's unlikely to pass since the Social Democrats and their allies have a majority in Parliament.

The protesters in the capital on Friday waved Romanian, European Union, Spanish, Italian and other national flags, banged drums, yelled "Justice, not corruption!" and called the ruling party "the red plague." They projected the words: "Down with the government" on a government building.

Cristina Andrei arrived from Stockholm, Sweden, where she lives now with her two sons. □



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Zimbabwe's opposition challenges election results in court

By FARAI MUTSAKA

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)

— Zimbabwe's main opposition party on Friday filed a legal challenge to the results of the country's first election without Robert Mugabe on the ballot, alleging "gross mathematical errors" and calling for a fresh vote or a declaration that their candidate Nelson Chamisa was the winner.

The filing brings more uncertainty to a country that had hoped the peaceful vote would begin a new era but has been rocked since then by scenes of military in the streets and opposition supporters harassed and beaten.

The court now has 14 days to rule, and Justice Minister Ziyambi Ziyambi said the inauguration, once planned for Sunday for President Emmerson Mnangagwa, is "on hold" until then.



In this Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018 file photo, Zimbabwean's main opposition candidate Nelson Chamisa speaks at a news conference in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Associated Press

Lawyers for the Movement for Democratic Change party arrived at court less than an hour before the deadline to submit papers.

"We have a good case and cause!" Chamisa said on Twitter.

The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission has said Mnangagwa and the ruling ZANU-PF party won the July 30 election, with the president receiving 50.8 percent of the vote and Chamisa re-

ceiving 44.3 percent. "We have managed to place before the courts all the mathematical and statistical irregularities," lawyer Thabani Mpofu told journalists as they emerged from the courthouse.

A copy of the filing, obtained by The Associated Press, makes several claims of electoral wrongdoing and bias, including an instance in which the electoral commission chairwoman was photographed wearing a scarf that had become symbolic of Mnangagwa's campaign.

The filing says opposition agents were not given the chance to sign off on election results as required before they were announced, and that "the entire process of collating, verifying and counting the presidential ballots was done under a cloud of secrecy."

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Russian PM strongly warns US against ramping up sanctions

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's prime minister sternly warned the United States against ramping up sanctions, saying Friday that Moscow would retaliate with economic, political and unspecified "other" means.

The tough message from Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev marked what the Kremlin sees as a red line, reflecting growing dismay with announced U.S. sanctions that have sent the Russian ruble plummeting to its lowest level in two years.

The U.S. State Department said Wednesday that Washington would impose new sanctions this month after determining this week that Moscow used a military grade nerve agent

in March to poison an ex-Russian spy in England. Russia has strongly denied involvement in the poisonings of Sergei Skripal and his adult daughter.

According to the State Department, the sanctions will include the presumed denial of export licenses for Russia to purchase many items with national security implications.

New sanctions proposals in the U.S. Congress include legislation targeting Russia's state-controlled banks and freezing their operations in dollars — a move that would deal a heavy blow to the Russian economy.

Medvedev warned the U.S. that such a move would cross a red line.

"If something like a ban on bank operations or currency use follows, it will

amount to a declaration of economic war," the Russian prime minister said. "And it will warrant a response with economic means, political means and, if necessary, other means. Our American friends should understand that." Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo during a telephone call Friday that the new sanctions were "categorically objectionable," according to a Russian Foreign Ministry statement.

Medvedev's tone differed considerably from the nonchalant ones President Vladimir Putin and his lieutenants have used when talking about Western sanctions and downplaying their impact on the Russian economy.

Word of more U.S. sanctions



Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev speaks during a meeting in Kamchatka Peninsula region, Russian Far East, Russia, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018.

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has rattled the Russian currency and stock markets. The ruble dropped about 1.5 percent in Friday trading to 67.78 to the dollar, its lowest level since August 2016. Russia-U.S. ties have

sunk to their lowest level since Cold War times amid tensions over Ukraine, the war in Syria and the allegations of Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. □

Yemen's Shiite rebels welcome UN call for Saudi strike probe

By AHMED AL-HAJ
 MENNA ZAKI

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's Shiite rebels on Friday backed a U.N. call for a probe into a Saudi-led coalition airstrike in the country's north that killed dozens of people the previous day, including many children, in an attack that drew wide international criticism. Senior Yemeni rebel leader Mohammed Ali al-Houthi said on Twitter that the rebels — known as Houthis — welcome the call and are willing to cooperate in an investigation of the strike in Saada province that hit a bus carrying civilians, many of them school children, in a busy market in Dahyan district.

The coalition said Friday it would investigate and spokesperson for the Saudi Embassy in Washington Fatimah S. Baeshen said in a statement the case was referred to the coalition's investigative body.

"The Coalition will, as it has always, exert all efforts to preserve civilian lives," she said.

The coalition's statement signaled a shift in its earlier stance when spokesman Col. Turki al-Malki defended the attack as a "legiti-



Children's backpacks lie at the site a day after an airstrike in Saada, Yemen on Friday, Aug. 10, 2018.

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mate military action" and blamed the Houthis for recruiting children and using them in the battlefields as cover.

The coalition, which has been at war with the Houthis for more than three years, said the attack on Saada was in response to

a missile fired by the rebels into the kingdom's south a day earlier. The coalition said it had intercepted and destroyed the missile but its fragments killed one person and wounded 11 others in Saudi's southwestern border region of Jizan.

The Iran-aligned Houthis

regularly fire into Saudi Arabia and have previously targeted its capital, Riyadh, with ballistic missiles. They say their missile attacks on the kingdom are in retaliation for air raids on Yemen by the Western-backed coalition. On Friday, the rebel-run Al Masirah TV re-

ported that the Houthis fired ballistic missiles targeting military bases in Saudi Arabia's southern provinces of Asir and Jizan. The Saudi-owned Al Arabiya satellite news channel reported that the coalition had intercepted two missiles fired toward Jizan. In a statement after Thursday's airstrike, U.N. chief António Guterres urged Yemen's warring parties to take "constant care to spare civilians" during military operations and also called for an "independent and prompt investigation." The United Nations said an exact death toll has yet to be confirmed but initial reports point to more than 60 casualties, with dozens severely wounded. Al-Masirah reported at least 51 people, including 40 children, were killed and 79 others, including 56 children, were wounded in the airstrike, citing the Yemeni Health Ministry in the capital, Sanaa, which is under rebel control.

It also said three children have gone missing since the airstrike.

On Friday, the U.N. Security Council echoed Guterres' statement, calling for a "credible and transparent" investigation. □

Malaysia ex-PM fails in media gag bid ahead of graft trial



Malaysian former Prime Minister Najib Razak waves to the media as he walks in High Court of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018.

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KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak failed Friday to win a court order barring the media from discussing the merits of corruption charges against

him ahead of the start of his trial on Feb. 12.

Najib has pleaded not guilty to seven charges of criminal breach of trust, abuse of power and money laundering in a case related to the alleged multibillion-

dollar looting of the 1MDB state investment fund that led to his stunning electoral defeat three months ago. After hearing lengthy arguments from both prosecutors and defense lawyers, High Court Judge Mohamad Nazlan Mohamad Ghazali ruled that a gag on the media would be a "major incursion" on freedom of speech and expression.

He said there are existing laws on contempt and defamation, and the risk of prejudice is "quite remote" since Malaysia doesn't have a jury system.

"A gag order does not promote the law as an instrument of justice," the judge said, and set trial dates spanning two months from Feb. 12.

Najib's lawyers said they will

appeal the judge's decision because public sentiment wanting Najib to be convicted had led to many articles inferring his guilt, which could deny him a fair trial.

Najib, 65, has accused Malaysia's new government of seeking political vengeance and vowed to clear his name in his trial. He didn't speak to the media Friday but wrote on Facebook a day earlier that he was confident of winning the trial.

"Through a fair trial, I am confident I can defend myself. I am confident I will be found not guilty of all the charges," he said.

All of the charges against him involve the transfer of 42 million ringgit (\$10.3 million) into his bank accounts

from SRC International, a former unit of the 1MDB fund that international investigators say was looted of billions by Najib's associates.

Abuse of power and breach of trust carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison for each count. Each money-laundering count carries a penalty of up to 15 years in prison and a fine of not less than five times the sum laundered.

Najib set up 1MDB when he took power in 2009 for the stated purpose of promoting economic development, but the fund amassed billions in debts and is being investigated in the U.S. and several other countries for alleged cross-border embezzlement and money laundering. □

In northeast India, the politics of citizenship flares anew

By RISHI LEKHI

Associated Press

MAYONG, India (AP) — The rice farmer doesn't know how it happened. Abdul Mannan just knows a mistake was made somewhere. But what can you say when the authorities suddenly insist one of your five children isn't an Indian? What do you do when your wife and daughter-in-law are suddenly viewed as illegal immigrants?

"We are genuine Indians. We are not foreigners," said Mannan, 50, adding his family has lived in India's northeastern Assam state since the 1930s. "I can't understand where the mistake is."

Neither can nearly 4 million other people who insist they are Indian but who now must prove their nationality as the politics of citizenship — overlaid with questions of religion, ethnicity and illegal immigration — swirls in a state where such questions have a long and bloody past.

Today, nativist anger churns through the hills and plains of Assam state, just across the border from Bangladesh, with many here believing the state is overrun with illegal migrants.

"India is for Indians. Assam is for Indians," said Sammujjal Bhattachariya, a top official with the All Assam Students Union, which has been in the forefront of pushing for the citizenship survey. "Assam is not for illegal Bangladeshis."

"We need a permanent solution," he added.

On Friday, some of the 3.9 million residents left off Assam's draft list of citizens began picking up forms to file their appeals, wading into a byzantine legal and bureaucratic process that many fear could lead to detention, expulsion or years in limbo.

Mannan, his two daughters and two of his sons were all listed on the citizenship list released in July. But his wife, a 17-year-old son and his daughter-in-law were nowhere to be seen. No explanation was given.

"We are worried that the names are not there," said



People whose names were left out in National Register of Citizens (NRC) draft stand in a queue to collect forms to file appeals in Mayong, 45 kilometers east of Gauhati, India, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018. Associated Press

Mannan, who lives with his family in a bamboo-walled hut, supporting them on about \$150 a month in farming income. "How will we live? What will we do? How will we stay in Assam?" For decades, fears of widespread movement across the porous border with Bangladesh have triggered tensions between the state's majority ethnic group, Assamese-speaking Hindus, and its Bengali-speaking Muslims.

In the 1980s that erupted into violence, with hundreds of people killed in Assam amid waves of anti-migrant attacks. New Delhi eventually ruled that anyone who could prove their family had lived in India before Bangladesh's 1971 war of independence, which drove millions of Bangladeshis to flee across the border, would be considered an Indian citizen.

But proving that can be deeply complicated in a region where basic paperwork — birth certificates, marriage certificates, leases — has only recently become commonplace in many rural villages.

State officials insist they have done everything possible to make the procedure fair.

"It's been an extremely exhaustive process," said Prateek Hajela, the coordinator of the citizenship

project that involves 52,000 officials, visits to 6.8 million families and countless hearings to examine the details of family trees.

But the politics of religion and ethnicity have been on the rise in India since 2014, when the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party was swept to power in national elections. The party quickly pushed to update the citizenship registry in Assam, where politicians have eagerly grabbed hold of the issue.

"First our target is to segregate the foreigners. What steps we will take against them will come next," Assam's top elected official, Sarbananda Sonowal, told the Times of India in an interview early this year. "They will have only one right — human rights as guaranteed by the U.N. that include food, shelter and clothing."

"For almost 40 years our people have been living in a state of confusion and uncertainty," he told the

newspaper.

Today, hundreds of Bengali-speaking Muslims with suspect nationality are already living in a half-dozen detention camps in Assam. Assam has a population of roughly 33 million, with a little over one-third of them Muslims.

"The concern over illegal migration is indeed genuine," said Akhil Ranjan Dutta, a political analyst and professor at Gauhati University in Assam. "But unfortunately, political parties have always tried to score brownie points on the issue purely to gain votes."

Few deny there has been widespread illegal migration into Assam, often by poor Bangladeshis in search of work as farm laborers. The state's demographics have shifted dramatically in recent decades, with the percentage of Bengali-speakers jumping from 22 percent in 1991 to 29 percent in 2011, and the percentage of Assamese-speakers declin-

ing. Many analysts, however, say those numbers in part reflect the higher birth rates among Muslims. Estimates on the number of illegal immigrants vary wildly, from a few hundred thousand to many millions. While Muslims appear to dominate the 3.9 million people left off the citizenship rolls, they aren't the only people now facing a bureaucratic gauntlet.

"I don't know about politics. I am a poor man. I work all day, eat, and sleep at night. I don't go anywhere else," said Khitish Namo Das, 50, a rail-thin Hindu farmer who insists he was born in India and whose family of eight — except for one daughter-in-law — are now considered illegal.

"When the names did not appear on the list it made me worry," he said, then reassured himself: "I have the documents so I don't think I need to worry too much." It's not clear what will happen to people who, once their appeals are used up, are still not listed as citizens. Detention is a strong possibility for some, but impoverished Bangladesh insists it will not accept mass expulsions back into its territory. Activists worry many could be left in limbo for years, perhaps decades, stateless wanderers like Myanmar's Rohingya Muslims.

Even some of those who support the citizenship survey say the migrants are a significant part of the economy.

"Those immigrants play a very important role in supplying your labor economy. So if those people are given work permits, minus political rights, they could be very valuable in Assam," said Nani Gopal Mahanta, an Assam-based political analyst. □

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Arbitrary arrests, abuse the new norm in Nicaragua

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN
MANAGUA, Nicaragua

(AP) — The 21-year-old agricultural economics student, nearly two months pregnant, had hoped to escape Nicaragua with her boyfriend, but a police officer on a motorcycle blocked their path as they were getting into taxis with other students to go to a safe house.

Five police trucks loaded with masked and armed men dressed in civilian garb surrounded them. Uniformed officers began to search the students' backpacks. One pulled out a blue-and-white Nicaraguan flag.

"These are the terrorists who killed our fellow police," the officer shouted, using President Daniel Ortega's term for those who have protested against his government since mid-April.

The young couple and their friends joined the ranks of more than 2,000 people arrested in Nicaragua in nearly four months of unrest and official crackdown. At least 400 people are believed to still be held in jails, prisons and police stations, and some consider them political prisoners, the non-governmental Nicaraguan Human Rights Center says. The others were held for days or weeks incommunicado, brutally interrogated to give up names and threatened with terrorism charges before being released without explanation as Ortega's government seeks to extinguish the resistance.

"They crushed my fingers, and hit me in the ribs and the stomach," the pregnant student said. "When I was on the ground, they kicked me."

The Associated Press separately interviewed four



In this July 18, 2018 file photo, heavily armed pro-government militia occupy the Monimbo neighborhood of Masaya, Nicaragua.

Associated Press

of those arrested and released, all of whom are in hiding. They agreed to speak only on condition of anonymity out of fear of retaliation.

"Right now, without exaggerating, Nicaragua is a prison," said Vilma Nunez, the rights center's president and a former supreme court vice president under Ortega's first Sandinista government in 1979. She called Ortega's systematic search for those involved in the protests a "human hunt."

Last week the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights said its monitoring team in Nicaragua found that detainees were abused, not informed of their rights or any charges, and taken into custody without warrants. Their families were not told where they were held, it added.

National police did not respond to a request for comment.

Ortega for weeks denied that paramilitary squads and Sandinista youth groups that have clashed with or attacked protesters were working with the police. But when asked in a recent TV interview how demonstrators picked up by masked paramilitaries ended up in jails, he said: "We have volunteer police who cooperate with the police."

He has accused protesters and opponents of trying to stage a coup.

The unrest began as protests to social security cuts. After a deadly crackdown, students became the vanguard of a broader push demanding Ortega step down.

The young woman from the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua was among nearly 200 students who dug in at the Managua campus, only to be driven out in mid-July by paramilitaries under heavy

gunfire that killed two people.

A short time later, she and others were taken to a police processing center and lined up with their hands behind their necks.

"I told (one) I was pregnant," she said. "Ah," he says, 'great. We've got a pregnant one.'"

"One of the paramilitaries came and punched me in the stomach," she said. "Now we're going to get it out of you," he said. "And you're going to eat it alive." The men and women were separated and interrogated individually. The men were stripped naked.

A 20-year-old business administration student from the national university said he was punched in the stomach and kicked in the testicles. A police officer ripped out his eyebrow piercing, and a cigarette was put out on a tattoo on his shoulder.

"They said they were going

to rape us. They said they were going to rape the girls," he said.

Police and masked civilians asked the same questions in the interrogations: Who were the student leaders? What political party was financing their movement? How much were they being paid? What weapons did they have?

A 24-year-old marketing major at the national university said a female police officer threatened her with a knife and slapped her.

A 23-year-old woman who recently graduated from another university said she was hit with a rifle butt.

Her boyfriend, whom they suspected of being a leader, suffered worse. "They put a cigarette on his testicle," she said.

The pregnant student was taken to a room and made to stand with her hands spread out on a table. The interrogators began hitting her in the stomach once more, she said, and a female officer cut off half her toenail.

When she again told them she was pregnant, they told her: "The pain is what we feel fighting for the country. You all just want to see the country destroyed. You want to see our commander (Ortega) go."

Midway through her five-day incarceration she started to bleed. She was interrogated and beaten again.

When the students were finally released they were warned to stay out of sight or they would be charged with terrorism.

The next day she went to a hospital, where a doctor told her there was nothing they could do.

"They told me to prepare myself for the news," she said. "I lost my baby." □

Our Lady of Copacabana festival spreads to Peru

CUZCO, Peru (AP) — Veneration of Bolivia's Our Lady of Copacabana has extended into neighboring southern Peru, where hundreds of faithful are drawn to the annual

celebration of festival, including members of the LGBTQ community.

The areas share a common history and Andean culture, and Peru's main festival of Our Lady of Copacabana

is held in the old Incan capital of Cuzco.

The Peruvian festival's founder, Libia Espinoza, said she has "a lot of faith" in the virgin because she cured her of a kidney

problem.

She said the Roman Catholic rites of Our Lady of Copacabana began in the 16th century in the Bolivian town of Copacabana on the shores of Lake Titicaca.

The presence of Bolivian merchants in southern Peru spread and spurred devotion to Our Lady of Copacabana in this country, which shares Lake Titicaca with Bolivia. □

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Hilton Sunset Grill teaming up with The Wine Room: mmmm



PALM BEACH — The Sunset Grille Gastro-nomic Experience at Hilton Aruba paired with The Wine Room has been a savoring journey through four courses with some nice meat. Actually very nice Angus beef from the Creekstone farm in Kansas paired with some more C's from the US: Criss Cross Petit Sirah from California.

This meat highlight was very well introduced by Executive Chef Matt Boland who explained that the beef from Creekstone is exclusive. Which means only to be eaten on Aruba at the Sunset Grille. "It's not frozen, so it arrives fresh." The restaurant serves this exclusive meat for over a month now.

Wine Expert Monrick Croes from the Wine Room choose the Petit Sirah on visit to the Criss Cross site where the daughter will take over the family business and also is planning for her daughter in the future to run the business. Croes applauded this feminine takeover in a business that is mostly still run by men. But of course his appreciation comes moreover from the quality of the wine and excellent pairing with the above mentioned meat.

Also the dessert has to be mentioned: a Sabayon Royal which was a tremendous royal treat to the already spoiled taste buds. Of course paired with a Prosecco, organically made. The guests were definitely satisfied. □



Aruba Scholarship Foundation granted students of Aruba with scholarships



ORANJESTAD — Recently Aruba Scholarship Foundation had their annual ceremony in which they granted 13 students with a scholarship in order to continue their studies abroad. President of Aruba Scholarship Foundation. Mr. Frits

Goedgedrag, congratulated and praised the students and their parents. He showed with great satisfaction the interest, motivation, determination and the academic performance that these students have.

During the selection process the student stand out for its academic performance and the good impression they give during their interview with the management of ASF. Also Mr. Goedgedrag showed great appreciation to all

the members of this organization for their love for Aruba Scholarship Foundation who have the best interest for the students at heart. He also acknowledges the good advises given and determination showed during all the meetings.

This year Aruba Scholarship Foundation introduced a special scholarship aside from the usual annual scholarships. To honor the co-founder and ex-president of the ASF, Mr. Clyde Harms, the organization ASF proudly introduced a scholarship called Clyde Harms Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Mr. Clyde Harms was present at the ceremony and presented this scholarship to 3 students.

From the scholars 6 are new and 6 are repeaters. The students are Anton Bruin (Accounting), Christopher Engelhart (Biochemistry), Bettiza-Marie Koolman (Cardiovascular), Endry Brito (Biochemistry), Tristan Marchena (Engineering), Joshue Garcia (Graphic Design).

Lissey Briesen, Adeline Martinus, Julian de Mey, Flor Romero y Eric Vinck got the approval from the Aruba Scholarship Foundation to continue their study with the scholarship of Aruba Scholarship Foundation.

The students choose to continue their studies at accredited institutes in the US, Canada, Colombia and Spain. It was a pleasant night and the guests were very happy and had a great time. □



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Shortly our own local talents will be able to reach more and more public when countries like England, Angola and China also start to be part of the network of Shortcutz. This is a great opportunity for our locals to showcase their short films and Aruba off course to the rest of the world.

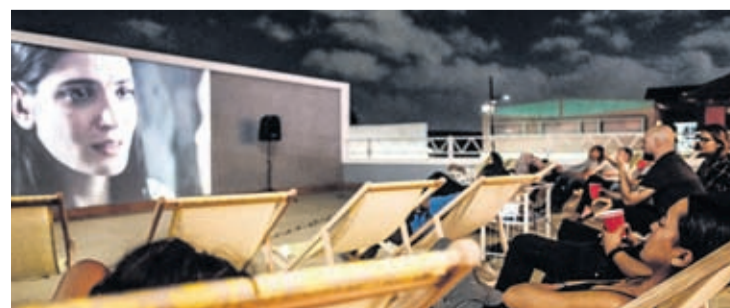
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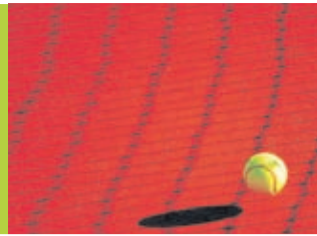
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SPORTS



NCAA injury debate pits player privacy vs. gambling concerns

By TERRIN WAACK,
NEW YORK (AP) — Indiana safety Jonathan Crawford is very clear about what he thinks of colleges releasing information on player injuries. "No," he said. "Especially if I have no say in it, I wouldn't want my personal business out there."

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision that allows states to legalize sports gambling has sparked a debate about requiring injury reports in college football, a sport that hasn't had unified rules. NCAA leaders are analyzing whether it's possible to have more medical transparency to prevent collusion and be more consistent among hundreds of teams balancing the rules of various universities, conferences and state and federal laws.

No formal plans have been proposed as legal experts and compliance officers analyze an issue that's more complicated for college football than the NFL, which has a mandated reporting system. A similar system of regular in-depth reports in the NCAA would have the hurdle of privacy for younger athletes. New rules likely won't come soon — the new season starts in three weeks and just four states have officially legalized sports gambling. Privacy laws such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protect players against the release of personal information without the consent of players or their parents if the player is under 18. HIPAA protects medical records.

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Woodland in front as rain suspends play at PGA Championship

Gary Woodland gives a thumbs-up on the ninth green during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellevue Country Club, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, in St. Louis.

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NFL players protest during anthem, drawing rebuke from Trump

By The Associated Press

NFL players demonstrated during the national anthem at several preseason games Thursday night, protests that again drew a rebuke from President Donald Trump.

Writing on Twitter from his New Jersey golf resort, Trump said Friday players "make a fortune doing what they love," and those who refuse to stand "proudly" for the anthem should be suspended without pay. He contended "most of them are unable to define" what they're demonstrating against. Instead, he said, players should "Be happy, be cool!"

In Philadelphia, Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins and cornerback DeVante Bausby raised their fists during the anthem, and defensive end Chris Long placed his arm around Jenkins' shoulder. Jenkins had stopped his demonstration last December.

Defensive end Michael Bennett walked out of the tunnel during the anthem and walked toward the bench while it played. It appeared all the Steelers stood.

"Everybody is waiting for what the league is going to do," Jenkins said. "We won't let it stop what we stand for. I was very encouraged last year with the direction and that obviously took a different turn.

"I think it's important to utilize the platform as we can because for whatever reason, we have framed this demonstration in a negative light, and often players have to defend why we feel the need to fight for everyday Americans, and in actuality we're doing the right thing."

At Miami, Dolphins receivers Kenny Stills and Albert Wilson and defensive end Robert Quinn protested during the anthem. Stills and Wilson knelt behind teammates lined up standing along the sideline. Quinn stood and raised his right fist. There were no apparent protests by the Buccaneers.

"As a black man in this world, I've got an obliga-



Miami Dolphins defensive end Robert Quinn (94) raises his right fist during the singing of the national anthem, before the team's NFL preseason football game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

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tion to raise awareness," Quinn said. "If no one wants to live in unity, that's why we're in the situation we're in." Stills knelt during the anthem during the 2016-17 seasons and has been vocal discussing social justice issues that inspired the protest movement by NFL players.

Former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick, a leader

of the movement, tweeted support for Stills and Wilson. "My brother @kstill continued his protest of systemic oppression tonight by taking a knee," the tweet said. "Albert Wilson joined him in protest. Stay strong brothers!"

And in Seattle, three Seahawks players ran into the team's locker room prior to the playing of "The Star-

Spangled Banner."

Defensive linemen Branden Jackson and Quinton Jefferson, and offensive lineman Duane Brown left the field following team introductions and before the start of the anthem. They returned to the sideline immediately after it concluded. All three were among a group of Seattle players that sat during the

anthem last season. Brown and Jefferson said they intend to continue the action all season. Seattle coach Pete Carroll said the team discussed the topic and decided to support individual decisions. Brown said he didn't believe there had been much progress made from the demonstrations of last season. "Everyone was clear on my decision and understands and supports it," Brown said. "We all have different realities in this country and they understand my perspective. We're all on good terms."

In Jacksonville, four Jaguars remained in the locker room during the national anthem, and team officials said it would be up to the players to explain why they weren't on the field. Cornerback Jalen Ramsey, linebacker Telvin Smith, and running backs Leonard Fournette and T.J. Yeldon joined teammates on the sideline after the anthem.

"As a man, I got certain beliefs," said Smith, who wore "Salute the Service" cleats. "You know what I mean? This is not going to become a distraction, and Jacksonville's not going to become a distraction for this team. I got beliefs. I did what I did. I don't know if it's going to be every week, can't answer if it's going to be every week. "But as a man I've got to stand for something. I love my team, I'm dedicated to my teammates, and that's what we're talking about. I did what I did. It was love. I hope people see it and respect it. I respect views."

At Baltimore, both teams stood, but while most of the Ravens lined up shoulder to shoulder on the sideline, second-year linebacker Tim Williams stood alone in front of the bench with his back toward the field.

All players on each team at New England appeared to stand for the anthem, some bowing their heads and others placing their hands on their hearts. The Patriots observed a moment of silence beforehand for Weymouth, Massachusetts, police officer Michael Chesna, who was killed last month in the line of duty. □



Indianapolis Colts players, including quarterback Andrew Luck, second from left, stand during the singing of the national anthem before an NFL football preseason game against the Seattle Seahawks, Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, in Seattle.

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Woodland sets PGA record but leads by only a stroke at PGA

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Gary Woodland followed up a great start with a round good enough to get him in the record book Friday at the PGA Championship.

On a record day of scoring, it only gave him a one-shot lead.

And with more rain that pounded Bellerive and wiped out golf for the rest of the afternoon, Woodland wasn't even sure he would be leading.

Woodland had a 4-under 66 and set the PGA Championship record with a 36-hole score of 130. That was barely enough for a one-shot lead over Kevin Kisner, one of three players who came to the final hole with a shot at becoming the first to post a 62 in the PGA.

Kisner, playing in the same group as Woodland, came up short of the green at No. 9 and made bogey for a 64.

Just ahead of them, two-time U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka narrowly missed a 20-foot birdie putt at No. 9. He had to settle for being the 15th player in PGA Championship history to shoot a 63.

And then Charl Schwartzel made it 16 players with his eight-birdie round of 63.

"They key is to get the ball in the fairway and attack from there," Woodland said.

Tiger Woods, Rickie Fowler and the late starters Friday had the same idea and were on the same track until the sky darkened, thunder rumbled and storms arrived to stop play for two hours, until it rained so much the PGA called it a day.

The second round was to resume at 7 a.m. local time Saturday, and the third round — weather permitting — was to start 30 minutes after the conclusion of the second round, with threesomes starting on both sides.

No one from the afternoon side of the draw finished more than 12 holes. Woods

made three birdies in five holes and was seven shots behind. Fowler overcame an early bogey with three birdies through 10 holes. He was at 7 under, three shots behind Woodland with eight holes to play.

"Guys definitely took advantage of that this morning," Fowler said during the rain delay. "A few of us are trying to jump on that train and take advantage of it this afternoon."

Bellerive really had no defense.

Two rounds of 63s. Another at 64. Six rounds of 65. And that was only half of the 156-man field.

"The golf course is gettable," Woodland said. "If you drive the golf ball in play, the greens were rolling a little bit better today. I think we'll see some putts go in." They were going in for just about everybody.

Woodland's 36-hole score broke the PGA record by one shot, most recently set by Jimmy Walker and Robert Streb at Baltusrol. It also tied the 36-hole record for all majors, matching Jordan Spieth at the 2015 Masters, Martin Kaymer at the 2014 U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2 and Brandt Snedeker (Royal Lytham & St. Annes in 2012) and Nick Faldo (Muirfield in 1992) at the British Open.

Koepka ran off three straight birdies after he made the turn and came to the par-5 ninth at 7 under for the round. He hit his approach 20 feet above the hole and didn't know a record was at stake — until after he missed.

"I was just trying to make the thing, and I really thought I made it," Koepka said. "My caddie said something walking off. I didn't even think of it. I've been so in the zone, you don't know where you are."

Koepka was at 8-under 132, two shots behind.

Dustin Johnson, the world's No. 1 player, had a 66 and joined Schwartzel and Thomas Pieters (66) at 133. Woodland and Kisner played in the same group,

and they offered a great example that Bellerive is accommodating to just about any game. Woodland is among the most powerful players in golf. Kisner is not. He relies more on a clean hit with his irons and a great short game.

The course is so soft — not so much from Tuesday's rain, but the extreme heat that requires more water on the turf — that every flag is accessible provided players find the ample fairways.

"Greens are receptive, so my 4-iron stops as quick as his 7-iron," Kisner said. "If they were firm, I don't think I would have a chance with the way the greens are situated and the places they're putting the flags. But being receptive, that's my only hope."

Spieth still has hope in his second try at a career Grand Slam. Spieth didn't get under par for the tournament until his seventh hole Friday — the par-3 16th hole — and he managed to do enough right for a 66 to get within seven shots of the lead.

Spieth has battled with his game all year, and his confidence isn't at its peak. It's the nature of the course that makes him feel he has a farther climb than the seven shots that separate him from Woodland.

"A little frustrated at this place in general," Spieth said. "This course would be phenomenal — and probably is phenomenal — if it's not playing soft. You get away with more. You don't have to be as precise. ... Personally, I would prefer more difficult and firmer, faster conditions on the greens. Having said that, I would have shot a much higher score yesterday."

Woods was 3 over through seven holes of this championship, and he is 6 under over his next 18 holes and appeared to be gaining momentum. Along with his three birdies, he saved par from a bunker on the par-3 sixth hole from about 18 feet. □



Gary Woodland, left, shakes hands with Kevin Kisner, right, on the ninth green after they finished the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellerive Country Club, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, in St. Louis.

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Giancarlo Stanton, Yankees overpower Rangers 7-3

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Giancarlo Stanton hit the hardest homer ever measured by Major League Baseball's Statcast system, Neil Walker hit two more home runs and the New York Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 7-3 on Thursday night.

Stanton's 28th homer was measured at 121.7 mph, the fastest long ball tracked by Statcast since the system was introduced in 2015. Miguel Andujar and Aaron Hicks also went deep, helping the Yankees win their fourth straight since a five-game skid that included a four-game sweep at AL East-leading Boston.

J.A. Happ (12-6) pitched six effective innings in his return from hand, foot and mouth disease. Happ was acquired from Toronto last month and has won both his starts with New York. He allowed three runs, four hits, a walk and struck out nine Thursday.

Rookie Ariel Jurado (2-2) got Stanton to hit into a double play in the first inning, then intentionally walked Didi Gregorius before Hicks homered to make it 2-0.

All-Star closer Aroldis Chapman walked two in the ninth before getting a fielder's choice from pinch-hitter Isiah Kiner-Falefa and striking out Choo and Odor. **BLUE JAYS 8, RED SOX 5**

TORONTO (AP) — Mookie Betts homered for Boston in the ninth inning to complete his first career cycle, and Toronto held on to beat the Red Sox.

Betts is the 21st Red Sox



New York Yankees' Giancarlo Stanton watches his grand slam against the Chicago White Sox during the second inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, in Chicago.

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player to hit for the cycle and the first in the major leagues this season. He singled and scored in the first inning, tripled in the second and doubled in the fourth against starter Ryan Borucki (2-2). After walking in the sixth, Betts hit his 27th homer in the ninth off Ken Giles. The AL MVP candidate was 4 for 4 to raise his average to .347 with 59 RBIs and a 1.102 OPS.

Boston (81-35) lost for the first time in seven games but still has the best record in baseball.

Randal Grichuk hit a tie-breaking two-run homer in the fifth inning and Teoscar

Hernandez added a solo shot to help Toronto avoid a three-game sweep. Red Sox slugger J.D. Martinez hit his major league-leading 35th home run, a solo drive in the fifth. Rick Porcello (14-5) was the winner. **MARINERS 8, ASTROS 6**

HOUSTON (AP) — Mitch Haniger homered while Seattle jumped on Justin Verlander for six runs in two innings, and the Mariners beat Houston. Haniger, Denard Span and Jean Segura combined for 10 hits and seven RBIs with a homer each off Verlander. Verlander (11-7) was ejected for arguing a balk call after

setting a season high for runs allowed and missing a chance for his 200th career victory. James Paxton (10-5) continued his success against the Astros, yielding seven hits and four runs in 5 2/3 innings to improve to 4-0 against them this season. Edwin Diaz allowed a home run to Tyler White with two outs in the ninth before striking out Josh Reddick for his 43rd save.

Haniger had a season-high four hits with two RBIs, Span had three RBIs and finished a double shy of the cycle, and Segura added three hits and drove in two runs. **INDIANS 5, MINNESOTA 4**

CLEVELAND (AP) — Michael Brantley's ninth-inning single gave Cleveland its second straight walk-off victory over Minnesota.

Brantley grounded a 2-1 pitch off Addison Reed (1-6) past the diving Miguel Sano at first base to score Greg Allen. Francisco Lindor's three-run homer in the ninth inning Wednesday gave Cleveland a 5-2 victory. Brantley's hit set off another celebration as he was mobbed by his teammates. Allen started the rally with a single off Reed and stole second with Lindor batting. Lindor's groundout to first moved Allen to third.

Andrew Miller (2-3) struck out a batter in the ninth. The left-hander made his fourth appearance since missing two months because of an inflamed right knee.

Minnesota rallied from a 4-0 deficit against reigning AL Cy Young Award winner Corey Kluber. Jake Cave's fifth-inning sacrifice fly scored a run before Jorge Polanco hit first home run of the season — a three-run shot in the sixth — to tie the game. Polanco missed the first 80 games of the season because of a suspension for violating baseball's drug program.

RAYS 5, ORIOLES 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Jake Bauers drove in two of his three runs with a go-ahead two-run single in the seventh inning and Tampa Bay beat Baltimore.

Bauers' decisive hit off Cody Carroll (0-1) came in the Rays' franchise record-tying sixth consecutive one-run game. □



Minnesota Twins relief pitcher Fernando Rodney celebrates after the Twins defeated the Cleveland Indians 3-2 in a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, in Cleveland.

A's bolster deep bullpen by acquiring Twins closer Rodney

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Athletics have acquired closer Fernando Rodney from the Minnesota Twins.

The A's sent minor league right-hander Dakota Chalmers to Minnesota on Thursday to complete the deal that adds more depth to Oakland's stellar bullpen.

The 41-year-old Rodney is 3-2 with 25 saves and a 3.09 ERA in 46 relief appearances for Minnesota this season. The right-handed Rodney has 325 career saves, 17th most in baseball history.

Oakland acquired former Mets closer Jeurys Familia last month to go along with

Blake Treinen and Lou Trivino in one of baseball's deepest bullpens.

The 21-year-old Chalmers pitched five scoreless innings in two games for Class A Beloit this season. He is 7-7 with a 4.08 ERA in four minor league seasons with Oakland. □

Taylor, Dozier homer in ninth as Dodgers beat Rockies 8-5

By The Associated Press
DENVER (AP) — Chris Taylor and Brian Dozier homered off closer Wade Davis in the ninth inning and Los Angeles exploited Colorado's shaky bullpen to beat the Rockies.

Taylor lined the first pitch he saw from Davis (1-6) — a knuckle-curve — into the left-center bleachers to make it 6-5. Two batters later, Dozier followed with a two-run shot to cap off another late-inning, flip-flopping game at Coors Field. Caleb Ferguson (3-1) threw 1 2/3 innings for the win, and Scott Alexander got his second save.

The Rockies bullpen surrendered five homers and seven runs as the Dodgers pulled into a first-place tie with idle Arizona in the NL West. It was Los Angeles' sixth straight win at Coors Field.

Chris Iannetta gave the Rockies a 5-3 lead with a three-run homer in the seventh. It didn't last, as Cody Bellinger connected on a two-run shot off reliever Seunghwan Oh to tie it with two outs in the eighth. Rockies reliever Scott Oberg allowed solo homers to pinch-hitters Joc Pederson and Max Muncy in the seventh to give the Dodgers a 3-1 lead.

PADRES 8, BREWERS 4

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Hunter Renfroe hit a go-ahead

grand slam in the ninth inning, his fourth straight game with a home run, and San Diego rallied to beat Milwaukee.

Down 4-2 entering the ninth, San Diego came back against relievers Corey Knebel and Joakim Soria.

Knebel (2-3) walked the bases loaded and allowed a run-scoring infield single to Travis Jankowski before Soria entered to try to escape the jam. Soria retired Eric Hosmer before Renfroe hammered a 1-2 pitch deep into the left-field bleachers for his grand slam. Renfroe became the first Padres player to hit home runs and have multiple RBI games in four consecutive games.

Franmil Reyes added a solo homer to right off Jacob Barnes to cap the Padres' six-run rally. Kirby Yates (4-0) pitched a scoreless eighth for the victory and Craig Stammen closed it with a scoreless ninth.

NATIONALS 6, BRAVES 3

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gio Gonzalez pitched seven strong innings for his first victory since May 28 to help Washington split a four-game series with Atlanta. Gonzalez (7-8) snapped a personal seven-game losing streak and had gone 11 consecutive starts without a victory. He allowed three hits and one walk while striking



Los Angeles Dodgers third base coach Chris Woodward, left, congratulates Chris Taylor, who heads for home on a solo home run off Colorado Rockies relief pitcher Wade Davis during the ninth inning of a baseball game Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, in Denver.

Associated Press

ing out three. Nick Markakis' solo homer to lead off the second was the lone run he allowed. Ronald Acuna Jr. homered for Atlanta. Wes Parsons (0-1) was the loser. Washington outfielder Bryce Harper was scratched from the lineup with right knee soreness. Atlanta reliever Dan Winkler hit Harper just below the right knee in the seventh in-

ning Wednesday night.

PIRATES 10, GIANTS 5

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — David Freese hit his 100th career home run, Elias Diaz and Josh Bell went deep on consecutive pitches and the Pirates beat the Giants. Ivan Nova (7-6) allowed two runs in six innings to continue a stellar stretch on the road for Pittsburgh's starters. Adam Frazier

added three singles and two RBIs, his fourth multi-hit game in the last six.

The Pirates have won three straight overall and improved to 8-2 in their last 10 at AT&T Park.

Joe Panik and Steven Duggar drove in two runs apiece for San Francisco.

Diaz and Bell homered off starter Andrew Suarez (4-8) in the second. □

U.S. beats Australia 3-1 at women's softball worlds

By JIM ARMSTRONG
MAKUHARI, Japan (AP)

— Monica Abbott had 18 strikeouts and the United States defeated Australia 3-1 on Friday in the playoffs of the women's world softball championship.

Abbott gave up a game-tying solo home run to Stacey Porter in the fourth inning but was solid the rest of the way, facing only seven hitters in the last two innings.

"Aubree Monroe called a great game behind the plate," Abbott said. "I wasn't really thinking about the strikeouts, I was just trying to get the batters out." After Porter's homer to right, the defending champions regained the lead in the bottom of the fifth.

With the bases loaded, Delaney Spaulding hit a chopper to third but Porter's throw home went over catcher Carmelle So-

rensen and allowed two runners to score.

"I was really proud of the way our team bounced back after that home run. It showed a lot of character," Abbott said.

The U.S. will next face Beijing gold medalist Japan in the tournament, which also doubles as a qualifier for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Japan beat Puerto Rico 7-0. Under the tournament's Page system for-

mat, Japan and the U.S. could still meet in the final. The winner of the tournament will be awarded an Olympic spot. If Japan wins, the second-place finisher will be granted the Olympic spot because Japan has an automatic berth as host.

Softball and baseball were dropped from the Olympic program after the 2008 Beijing Games but have been restored for 2020.

In other playoff games on Friday, Mexico edged Italy 1-0 in nine innings, and Canada beat the Netherlands 8-1. Dallas Escobedo went the distance for Mexico, striking out 16 and allowing only four hits and a walk, and Suzy Gonzalez hit a bases-loaded single in the ninth to clinch the victory. Larissa Franklin hit two home runs and had a total of 7 RBIs in Canada's victory. □

Greek teen Tsitsipas upsets defending champ Zverev

TORONTO (AP) — Greek teenager Stefanos Tsitsipas pulled off another upset Friday at the Rogers Cup, saving two match points in a 3-6, 7-6 (11), 6-4 victory over defending champion Alexander Zverev.

Zverev, the second-seeded German star coming off a victory last week in Washington, double-faulted on match point to send Tsitsipas to his first ATP World Tour Masters 1000 semifinal. "I kind of fooled him when I was on the court," Tsitsipas said. "I did some things that he didn't expect me to do." The 19-year-old Tsitsipas beat seventh-seeded Dominic Thiem and ninth-seeded Novak Djokovic to reach the quarterfinals. He's the youngest player to beat three top-10 players in one tournament since Rafael Nadal — who also was 19 — in 2006 at Monte Carlo.

Tsitsipas will face fourth-seeded Kevin Anderson in the semifinals, trying to be-



Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece hits a forehand to Alexander Zverev of Germany during Rogers Cup quarterfinal tennis tournament action in Toronto on Friday, Aug. 10, 2018.

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come the youngest to beat four straight top-10 players in an event since the ATP World Tour was established in 1990. Anderson beat fifth-seeded

Grigor Dimitrov 6-2, 6-2. In the night quarterfinals, Karen Khachanov beat Robin Haase 6-3, 6-1, and the top-seeded Nadal faced sixth-seeded Marin Cilic.

Zverev was upset with his play — and wasn't that impressed with Tsitsipas, either. "I always say when the opponent played better, I'm probably one of the

most honest guys on tour," Zverev said. "Today was an absolutely pathetic match. I don't think he played well. ... To be honest, we played three sets and all three sets should have been 3, 3 and 3," Zverev said. "If we would have played best-of-five, that's what the score should have been."

Tsitsipas struggled with a first-serve percentage of 47 percent, well below Zverev at 70 percent. But the teen converted all four of his break-point opportunities, while Zverev was five for 14. "The level of tennis today, in my opinion, was not the highest — it was all right," Tsitsipas said. "People seemed to love it, loved the show and everything. I would say I played OK."

The Greek player is ranked a career-high 27th and is guaranteed to break into the top 20. With Zverev's loss, Juan Martin del Potro will jump to No. 3 when the new rankings come out Monday.

NCAA INJURY

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FERPA protects educational records, along with medical records if treatment is given on behalf of a university.

At least some players and coaches want that privacy to stay in place.

"I coached in the NFL for nine years and there is a stark difference between working with professionals and working with college kids," Stanford coach David Shaw said. "I do not feel right giving out medical information of a 19-year-old. I think it's wrong in any way, shape or form."

Still, commissioners from the Power Five conferences generally believe some kind of uniform injury reporting is inevitable, even if the details still need to be worked out.

Players consent to NFL injury reports as a condition of employment. Three practice participation reports are required every game week, along with game status reports and in-game updates.

Right now, there is no standard in the NCAA for dis-

cussing player injuries.

"My university's attorney told me, 'You cannot be specific with any injuries. You can say upper body. You can say lower body,'" said Todd Berry, who coached college football for 34 years and is now executive director of the American Football Coaches Association. "Many times the media would already know what it was, but that's all I could reference."

Some coaches are more specific. Others are reluctant to share anything at all.

Washington State's Mike Leach has a history of not even answering questions after a game about a player who was injured on the field. Chip Kelly also never talked about injuries while at Oregon — he's now at UCLA — and eventually neither did his successor, Mark Helfrich, who's now in the NFL. Miami's Mark Richt used to be pretty open about injury updates but started to cut back because other coaches were withholding information. Others are more forthcoming, like Joe Moorhead at



In this Oct. 14, 2017, file photo, South Carolina head coach Will Muschamp, right, checks on running back Rico Dowdle (5) after he was injured in the first half of an NCAA college football game against Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn.

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Mississippi State and Duke's David Cutcliffe.

That inconsistency could potentially raise red flags as legal gambling grows throughout the United States. If one coach reveals more than another, it opens up questions of whether it creates a chance for some gamblers to gain an unfair edge.

"When there's less info out there, you have a greater chance of having inside information," said Brad Powers, senior college football analyst for Pregame.com.

"When there's more information, when everyone knows everything — like the NFL, you know exactly if a guy is probable, doubtful or questionable — then nobody really has any inside information."

Powers said bettors want a common language across the conferences. Coaches also want consistency, Berry said.

That could mean only releasing a player's status for the game — an availability report, which may be the safest option. Or injuries

could be defined as lower or upper body only.

"The more specific you get, the greater the chance is that you will wander into an area that is protected by one or both of those statutes (HIPAA and FERPA)," said attorney William H. Brooks, who works in the NCAA compliance and investigations group for his firm, Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC.

"Now," he added, "if someone gets hurt on the field in front of 90,000 people and you see what happened, then obviously everybody knows what the injury is. But coaches don't elaborate on the treatment, how the player is doing other than he or she is progressing." Berry said an argument can be made that no injury information should be released if institutions really want to protect the privacy of student athletes.

"We're going to show up and play Saturday — or whatever day it is — and who I put out there is who were playing," he said. "Although, that wouldn't make it much fun for the gamblers or for the media."

Cate Campbell atones for failure in Rio Olympics

By **STEPHEN WADE**
AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — After two years, Cate Campbell can finally forget about the heartbreak of the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

The Australian swimmer bombed in Rio, failing to win an individual gold medal. She collapsed in the 100-meter freestyle final when she was the favorite to win and finished a distant sixth.

That prompted her to take a reflective year off from competitive swimming.

It seems to have paid off on Friday at the Pan Pacific Championships, the biggest meet of the year for swimmers from the Pacific Rim region and a dress rehearsal for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Campbell won the 100 in 52.03 seconds, the second fastest time ever in the event. She also beat Rio gold medalist Simone Manuel of the United States, who finished second in 52.66.

"It shows that I can stand up when it counts and perform when it counts," a jubilant

Campbell said. "I can execute a good race under pressure. All of those things that I've been working on have finally come to fruition in 52 seconds."

The 26-year-old Campbell talked about her love for swimming having been "re-ignited" by the Japanese crowd and her year away to live a "normal life."

"I executed a smart race, which is what I wanted to do," she added. "I swam my personal best time and those don't come around very often now that you are my age."

Manuel was slower in this race than she was in the recent national championships, which she called "disappointing."

"I definitely think people expect a lot from me, but at the end of the day those credentials don't matter," she said. "I still have to step up on the blocks and swim fast. It doesn't matter I won the gold medal."

Manuel said the focus is now on the world championships next year in South Korea and, of course, the Olympics in Tokyo.



Australia's Cate Campbell reacts after winning the women's 100m freestyle final during the Pan Pacific swimming championships in Tokyo, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018.

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Australian teammate Kyle Chalmers, the Rio de Janeiro gold medalist, gave the country a sprint double by winning the men's 100 freestyle in 48.00 and defeating Caeleb Dressel of the United States.

Dressel won seven gold medals last year at the world championships in Budapest, Hungary, and is the rising American star in the post-Michael Phelps era. Dressel and Australian rival Jack Cartwright tied for second in 48.22.

"It was not my best," Dressel said. "Pretty far off my best. I would hope this time would never come, but it did. But we have to learn from it. I don't really know if it's a wake-up call as much as it is just a learning experience."

The major power in world swimming, the United States, did get victories from Hali Flickinger in the 200 butterfly — 2:07.35 — and Ryan Murphy in the 100 backstroke. His winning time was 51.94.

Kylie Masse of Canada won the 100 backstroke in 58.61. American rival Kathleen Baker, who took the world record from Masse last month in the national championships (58.00), was third in 58.83.

Daiya Seto of Japan got thunderous applause at the Tatsumi International Swimming Center, taking the 200 butterfly in 1:54.34. Australia's women won the 800 relay in 7:44.12, and the United States won the men's version in 7:04.36. □

Former Tour champion Ullrich arrested over alleged attack

By **CIARAN FAHEY**

BERLIN (AP) — Former Tour de France champion Jan Ullrich was arrested early Friday and is being investigated for attempted manslaughter after allegedly attacking an escort at a Frankfurt hotel.

"It seems Mr. Ullrich and an escort woman had a dispute and that he attacked her," Frankfurt police spokesperson Carina Lerch said. "She alerted the hotel staff and they called police."

Lerch said the retired German cyclist was under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

The 31-year-old woman needed medical treatment. Lerch said no further details could be given on her condition while police were investigating.

Later, a police statement

said Ullrich had resisted arrest.

"As part of the police interrogation, the woman provided extensive information on the attacks of the accused. The accused so far makes use of his right to refuse to testify," the statement said.

"Currently, the accused is being investigated for attempted manslaughter and dangerous assault. The investigation has not yet been completed."

Police said Ullrich was to be released later Friday after consultation with the prosecutor's office in Frankfurt "because the conditions for detention are not met."

News agency dpa reported that the 44-year-old Ullrich had been arrested the week before in Mallorca, where he lives, after an incident on the property of



In this July 20, 2004 file photo T-Mobile team leader Jan Ullrich of Germany pedals during his attack in the ascent of the Echarasson pass during the 15th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Valreas, southern France, and Villard-de-Lans, French Alps.

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his neighbor, actor Til Schweiger.

On Monday, Ullrich told

German tabloid Bild of personal problems.

"The separation from (my

wife) Sara and distance from my children, whom I have not seen since Easter and have barely spoken to, have had a great effect on me. I have done things as a result that I very much regret," Ullrich told the mass circulation daily.

Ullrich, the only German to win the Tour de France, was dogged by doping allegations during his career and admitted to German magazine Focus in 2013 that he received blood-doping treatment from Spanish doctor Eufemiano Fuentes.

"Almost everyone took performance-enhancing substances then. I took nothing that the others didn't also take," the 1997 Tour champion said then.

Ullrich served a two-year ban for doping in 2012, five years after he retired. □

Robots are getting more social. Are humans ready?

By MATT O'BRIEN

AP Technology Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Personal home robots that can socialize with people are starting to roll out of the laboratory and into our living rooms and kitchens. But are humans ready to invite them into their lives?

It's taken decades of research to build robots even a fraction as sophisticated as those featured in popular science fiction. They don't much resemble their fictional predecessors; they mostly don't walk, only sometimes roll and often lack limbs. And they're nowhere close to matching the language, social skills and physical dexterity of people.

Worse, they're so far losing out to immobile smart speakers made by Amazon, Apple and Google, which cost a fraction of what early social robots do, and which are powered by artificial-intelligence systems that leave many robots' limited abilities in the dust.

That hasn't stopped ambitious robot-makers from launching life-like robots into the market — albeit with mixed results so far.

Two pioneers in a new vanguard of cute, sociable robots — Jibo, a curvy talking speaker, and Kuri, a cartoonish wheeled "nanny" — have been early casualties. The makers of Vector, a less expensive home robot that was unveiled Wednesday, hope theirs will be a bigger hit.

Still others, including a rumored Amazon project and robots designed to provide companionship for senior citizens, remain in the development phase.

"I think we're going to start seeing some come to market this year," said Vic Singh, a founding general partner of Eniac Ventures, which has invested in several robotics startups. But they'll be limited to very specific uses, he warned.

Hopes for social robots keep outpacing reality. Late last year, the squat, almost featureless Jibo graced the cover of Time Magazine's "best inventions" edition.



In this Monday, July 30, 2018, photo, Anki Inc. CEO Boris Sofman holds Vector, the company's new home robot, in New York.

Associated Press

Its creator, MIT robotics researcher Cynthia Breazeal, told The Associated Press at the time that "there's going to be a time when everybody will just take the personal robot for granted." That time has not yet arrived.

Jibo, a foot-high, vaguely conical device topped by a wide hemispherical "head," stays where you put it, typically on a countertop. But it can swivel its flat, round screen "face" to meet your gaze; tells joke and plays music; and can shimmy convincingly if you ask it to dance. It was pitched as "the world's first social robot for the home." At almost \$900, though, Jibo didn't win anywhere near enough friends. It's still for sale online, but its parent company reportedly laid off much of its workforce in June and didn't reply to requests for comment.

"It's a really cool device, but it didn't offer a ton of utility," Singh said.

In late July, another startup, California-based Mayfield Robotics, ceased manufacturing Kuri, a roving \$699 machine that would shoot pictures and video from cameras hidden behind its round, blinking eyes. Other home robots, such as the three-foot, video-screen equipped personal assistant Temi (\$1,499) and Sony's dog-like Aibo (\$1,800),

are even less affordable.

"You cannot sell a robot for \$800 or \$1,000 that has capabilities of less than an Alexa," said Boris Sofman, CEO of Anki, which plans to launch its pet-like Vector this fall.

Promising a robotic future beyond "puck-like vacuum cleaners and lifeless cylindrical talking speakers," Anki is pitching the \$249 Vector as an older brother to its tiny — and feisty — toy robot Cozmo.

Both robots are tiny enough to fit in your palm. They scoot around on tank

on a tabletop until it hears a door open or, using facial recognition, "sees" a familiar person in view. It purrs when you rub its gold-plated back.

Social robots trace their lineage back to an interactive humanoid head named Kismet, which Breazeal built in an MIT lab in the 1990s. Since then, advances in artificial intelligence have propelled the field forward. The popularity of Alexa and its ilk has also helped take the strangeness out of talking machines.

The key for Vector and

pretty important.) Though there's plenty of disagreement over what makes the proper balance.

Fall short on personality, and "you better be perfect because the moment you make a mistake, you're going to be the big lumbering robot that made a mistake," Sofman said. But people can forgive errors so long as the robot reacts in a realistic way.

Anki hired animators from Pixar and DreamWorks to give character to Cozmo and Vector. Israeli startup Intuitions Robotics brought on prominent industrial designer Yves Behar to help craft the look of ElliQ, which is designed for seniors. The robot is expected to launch next year.

"We were looking for an aesthetic that will earn the right to be part of people's life for a long period of time, not just a gadget or a toy," said Dor Skuler, Intuitions' founder and CEO.

Instead of cute, ElliQ aims for calm. Designed to sit on an end table, the robot is shaped like a rounded table lamp with a circular light shining from inside its translucent plastic head. It swivels frequently, directing attention to the person it's speaking with, and has an adjacent tablet screen to show off photos or text messages.

Many researchers say social robots hold great promise in helping an aging population. Such robots could remind seniors to take medicine, prompt them to get up and move or visit others, and help them stay in better touch with extended family and friends.

For the robots to catch on across all ages, though, they need to prove themselves useful and helpful, said James Young, a researcher at the University of Manitoba's human-computer interaction lab.

"Whether that's by helping with loneliness, helping with tasks like cooking, that's key," he said. "Once people are convinced something is useful or actually saves them time, they're really good at adapting." □



In this Nov. 21, 2017, photo Massachusetts Institute of Technology robotics researcher Cynthia Breazeal, left, stands next to social robot Jibo, right, at the company's headquarters in Boston.

Associated Press

treads and chirp more than talk, but Vector can answer basic questions, set a timer or deliver messages from email and texts. It can rest

other companion robots, experts say, is to strike the right balance between usefulness and personality. (Affordability also seems

Turmoil in Turkey sends US and European stocks sharply lower

By MARLEY JAY

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are skidding Friday after a sharp drop in Europe as investors worried about the financial stability of Turkey. The Turkish lira nosedived again following concerns about the country's economic policies and sanctions from the U.S.

European banks are taking some of the worst losses. Seeking safety, investors are buying U.S. dollars and government bonds. The rising dollar helped U.S.-focused companies but hurt big exporters. Rising bond prices are sending interest rates lower, hurting banks.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index slid 14 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,839 as of noon Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 174 points, or 0.7 percent, to 25,334. The Nasdaq composite, which has risen for eight days in a row, sank 31 points, or 0.4 percent, to 7,860.

TURKEY: The Turkish lira dropped again and is now down 66 percent this year against the dollar. The weakening lira has been pushing up the cost of goods for Turkish people and shaken international investors' confidence in the country. Investors are wor-



Trader Jonathan Mueller works in the E&J Securities booth on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018.

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ried about Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's unorthodox economic views. He says higher interest rates lead to higher inflation, the opposite of what standard economic theory says. As a result he's pushed Turkey's central bank to keep interest rates low, threatening its independence.

U.S. President Donald Trump said Friday he will authorize the government to double

a tariff on steel and aluminum imported from Turkey. The U.S. sanctioned Turkey after it arrested an American pastor and put him on trial for espionage and terror-related charges.

FALLOUT: Analysts say Turkey's problems shouldn't have a major impact on the global financial system. Still, some European banks could be exposed to losses. Germany's Deutsche

Bank dropped 5 percent to \$11.78 and Banco Santander of Spain fell 3.6 percent to \$5.18. British bank Barclays fell 2.5 percent to \$9.72.

U.S. BANKS: Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.89 percent from 2.93 percent. That helped send bank stocks lower. JPMorgan Chase slid 0.9 percent to \$115.81 and Bank

of America gave up 1 percent to \$31.29. Citigroup retreated 2 percent to \$67.53. Big dividend stocks like utilities and household goods retailers held up better than the rest of the market. Evergy gained 1.4 percent to \$57.84 and Walmart rose 1.3 percent to \$90.15.

OVERSEAS: Germany's DAX fell 2.1 percent and the CAC 40 in France fell 1.7 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 lost 1 percent. The Nikkei 225 index in Japan lost 1.3 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gave up 0.8 percent. In South Korea, the Kospi lost 0.9 percent.

CURRENCIES: Emerging market currencies fell and the dollar jumped. The ICE U.S. Dollar Index was already trading around annual highs and it rose another 0.7 percent, a large move.

The euro fell to \$1.1398, its lowest in more than a year, from \$1.1542. The dollar fell to 110.66 yen from 111.04 yen after a strong economic growth report from Japan.

LOSING GROUND: When the dollar gets stronger, it hurts U.S. companies that get a lot of revenue from overseas. That includes technology and industrial companies. □

Japan's economy rebounds as consumers, companies spend more

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's economy resumed its long-time expansion in the last quarter as consumers and businesses stepped up spending, the government said Friday.

Preliminary data showed that trade weighed slightly on growth, a worrying sign as Japan braces for tariffs that the administration of President Donald Trump plans to impose on imports of steel and, possibly, autos and auto parts.

The world's third largest economy grew at a 1.9 percent annual pace after contracting by 0.6 percent in January-March, the Cabinet Office said.

In quarterly terms, gross domestic product expanded 0.5 percent in April-June, rebounding from a 0.2 percent contraction.

Consumers spent more thanks partly to a rise in earnings mostly fueled by strong half-year bonus payments. The 2.1 percent gain in cash earnings in the last quarter was the strongest since 1997 and job growth also remained strong, but a large share of that income likely went into savings, Marcel Thieliant of Capital Economics said in a commentary.

He said he expects spending to remain relatively strong ahead of a sales tax hike expected next year.

"While GDP started expanding again in the second quarter, growth isn't as vigorous as last year. With the economy running into capacity constraints, we think that activity will remain sluggish for now," Thieliant said.

The contraction early in the year interrupted Japan's longest expansion in almost three decades. But growth has remained weaker than hoped for.

Still, the news could help Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in his campaign to remain leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party in an election in September.

The outlook for trade is a looming uncertainty, giv-



In this July 20, 2018, photo, people walk on a street in Ginza shopping district in Tokyo.

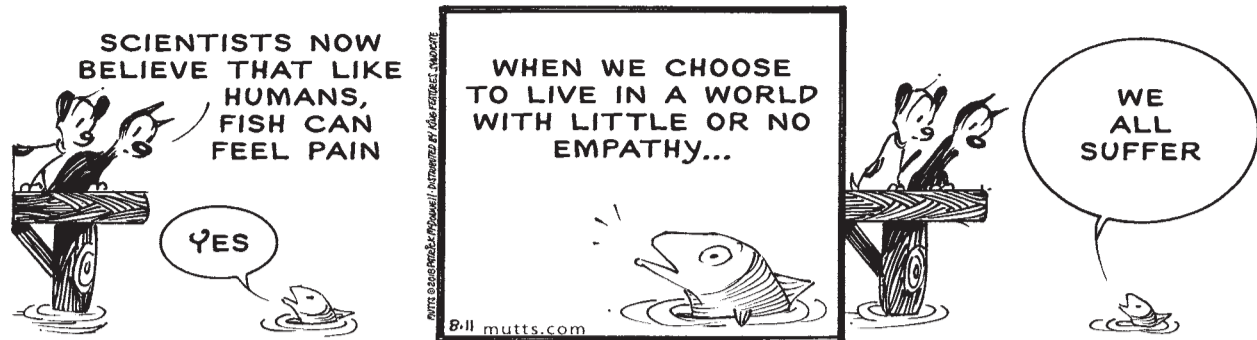
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en the heavy reliance of Japanese manufacturers on demand from factories in China. Higher tariffs imposed by the U.S. on exports of billions of dollars of Chinese goods are likely to pinch a wide array of Japanese industries that sup-

ply machinery and parts for electronics, autos and other products.

Trade talks between Japan and the U.S. in Washington on Thursday reportedly made little headway but were due to resume Friday. □

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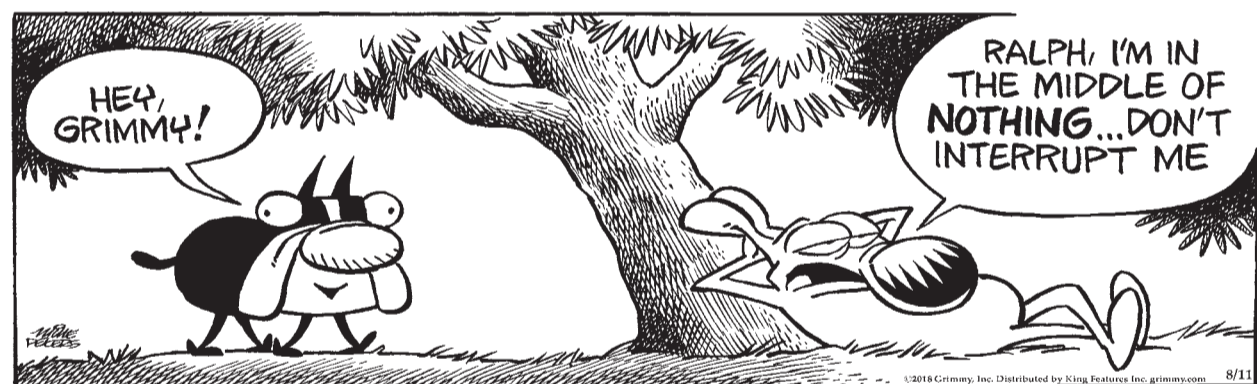
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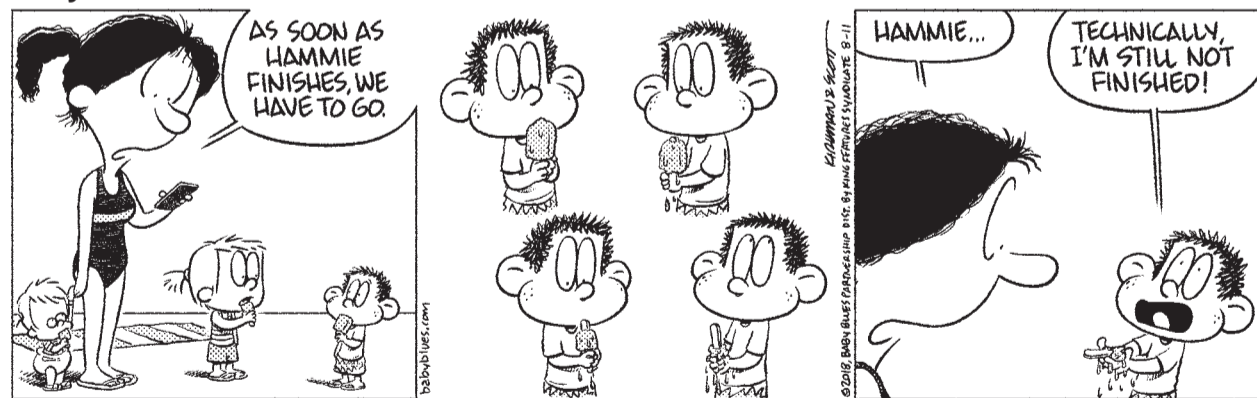
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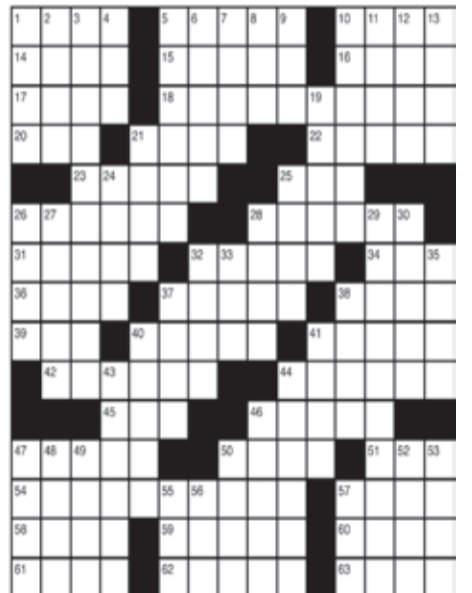
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- Rubber tube
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- Suitor
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- All over
- D.C. figure
- Tack
- Antlers
- Entrances
- Feminine pronoun
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- Meanie
- Thinnest
- Needle's hole
- Singer Britney
- Lisa Marie's dad
- Rod and ___ fishing gear
- Tavern
- Pigpen
- Detests
- Michelob product
- Deserve; merit
- Takes to court
- Kansas export
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- Billfold items
- Female birds
- Convince
- Book leaves
- Cincinnati team
- Engage in price gouging
- Belly button
- Imitated
- Top ___
- Tricycle rider
- Gobs
- Lahr or Parks
- ___-up; adult
- Critical
- Bypasses
- Ash fragment
- Island nation near Sicily
- Capable
- Got taller
- "Penny ___"; Beatles song
- Astute
- Cribbage markers
- Exam
- NBC competitor
- Holiday entrée, perhaps
- Felt hat with a tassel



In this photo Ali Kemer, a 50-year-old horse-breeder, herds horses in the village of Hormetci, in the central Anatolian province of Kayseri, Turkey.

Associated Press

Untamed horses roam in Turkish foothills

By EMRAH GUREL

HORMETCI, Turkey (AP) — Horses lift clouds of dust on the foothills of Mount Erciyes, a former volcano that is one of Turkey's highest peaks, as Ali Kemer herds the animals at sunset.

Kemer is a third-generation horse breeder in Hormetci, a village where the residents have a special affinity with the "yilki," as the untamed horses are called. He cares for about 350 of them and charges visitors 50 Turkish lira (\$9) to photograph the horses, money he says he uses for their upkeep, including hay and veterinary care.

Thousands of other wild horses roam free on the mountains and plains of Turkey's Anatolia region, the descendants of horses that were abandoned by

farmers. The name "yilki" is derived from the Turkish term that means "left to the wild."

Farmers once used the horses to plow and harvest during three seasons of the year and left them to fend for themselves during the winter. Come spring, they would be captured and put to work again.

With the arrival of modern farming equipment in the 1970s, the horses were replaced by tractors and other machines. No longer of use to the villagers who struggled to feed them, they were let go for good. The horses eventually grew feral, but kept reproducing. These days, they can be spotted roaming in herds in several Turkish provinces, including Manisa, Mus, Kayseri and Karaman. □

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Red-hot voyage to sun will bring us closer to our star

By MARCIA DUNN
 AP Aerospace Writer
 CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.
 (AP) — A red-hot voyage to the sun is going to bring us closer to our star than ever before.

NASA's Parker Solar Probe will be the first spacecraft to "touch" the sun, hurtling through the sizzling solar atmosphere and coming within just 3.8 million miles (6 million kilometers) of the surface.

It's designed to take solar punishment like never before, thanks to its revolutionary heat shield that's capable of withstanding 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit (1,370 degrees Celsius).

Liftoff is set for the pre-dawn hours of Saturday for this first-of-its-kind mission to a star.

"The coolest, hottest mission, baby, that's what it is," said Nicola Fox, the project scientist at Johns Hopkins University.

Roughly the size of a small car, Parker will get nearly seven times closer to the sun than previous spacecraft. To snuggle up to the sun, it will fly past Venus seven times over seven years. Each flyby will provide an orbit-shaping gravity boost, drawing it ever closer to the sun and straight into the corona — the sun's outermost atmosphere.

The closer, the better for figuring out why the corona is hundreds of times hotter than the sun's surface. Another mystery scientists hope to solve: What drives the solar wind? That's the steady, supersonic stream of charged particles blasting off the corona and into space in all directions.

"There are missions that are studying the solar wind, but we're going to get to the birthplace," Fox said.

Scientists expect the \$1.5



This July 6, 2018 photo made available by NASA shows the Parker Solar Probe in a clean room at Astrotech Space Operations in Titusville, Fla., after the installation of its heat shield.

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billion mission to shed light not only on our own dynamic sun, but the billions of other yellow dwarf stars — and other types of stars — out there in the Milky Way and beyond. While granting us life, the sun also has the power to disrupt spacecraft in orbit, and communications and electronics on Earth.

"This is where we live," said NASA solar astrophysicist Alex Young. "We have to understand and characterize this place that we're traveling through."

The project was proposed in 1958 to a brand-new NASA, and "60 years later, and it's becoming a reality," said project manager Andy Driesman, also of Johns Hopkins, which designed and built the spacecraft. The technology for

surviving such a close solar encounter, while still being light enough for flight, wasn't available until now.

Parker's 8-foot (2.4-meter) heat shield is just 4 1/2 inches (11 centimeters) thick. Sandwiched between two carbon sheets is airy carbon foam. The front has a custom white ceramic coating to reflect sunlight; it's expected to glow cherry red when bombarded by the extreme solar heat.

Almost everything on the spacecraft will be behind this and thus in room-temperature shade while ducking through the jagged edges of the corona, without so much as a blister on its science instruments.

The spacecraft will hit 430,000 mph (690,000 kph) in the corona at closest approach. That's equivalent

to going from Washington, D.C., to Philadelphia in a split second. Or Chicago to Beijing in under a minute.

This is the first NASA spacecraft to be named after someone still alive.

Eugene Parker, 91, professor emeritus at the University of Chicago, predicted the existence of solar wind 60 years ago. He plans to be at Cape Canaveral for the launch. United Launch Alliance's Delta IV Heavy rocket is providing the muscle.

Parker got to inspect the spacecraft last fall. He said he's "holding my breath that everything goes well."

"This is a journey into never-never land, you might say, where it's too hot for any sensible spacecraft to function," Parker told Johns Hopkins' Fox in a recent interview. "But some

very clever engineering and construction have succeeded in making what looks like a very workable instrument."

The spacecraft holds photos of Parker as well as a copy of his 1958 research paper on what he termed solar wind. Despite skepticism, NASA's Mariner 2 spacecraft proved Parker right in 1962.

Also on board: more than 1 million names of space fans submitted to NASA this past spring.

It's a fast-paced mission, with the first Venus encounter occurring less than two months after liftoff, in early October, and the first brush with the sun in November.

In all, the spacecraft will make 24 elongated laps around the sun, closer than the orbit of Mercury, the innermost planet. The records will start falling with the first orbit, when the Parker probe comes within 15.5 million miles (25 million kilometers) of the sun and beats the current record holder, NASA's former Helios 2 spacecraft. Helios 2 got within 27 million miles (43 million kilometers) of the sun in 1976.

Fox puts it this way: If the sun and Earth were on opposite ends of a football field, Mercury would be at the sun's 35-yard line, Helios 2 at the 29-yard line and the Parker probe at the 4-yard line.

NASA's Messenger, which orbited Mercury from 2011 to 2015, provided insight into the solar wind but was too away.

"You know something exciting is just around the bend, but where you're sitting you can't see what that is," Fox said. "So really the only way we can now do it is to do this daring mission to plunge into the corona."

The Parker probe's final three orbits — in 2024 and 2025 — will be the closest. The spacecraft eventually will run out of fuel and, no longer able to keep its heat shield pointed toward the sun, will burn and break apart — except perhaps for the rugged heat shield. "It's a pretty tough shield," said Fox.

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More than 50 years into career, Rod Stewart not slowing down

By JOHN CARUCCI

NEW YORK (AP) — More than fifty years into his career, Rod Stewart shows no sign of slowing down.

When he's not on tour, he's busy at home chasing his two young sons, Aiden and Alastair, around the yard. And on Sept. 28, he will release his 30th studio album, "Blood Red Roses."

While known for writing sultry songs — from "Tonight's the Night (Gonna Be Alright)" to "You're In My Heart (The Final Acclaim)" — Stewart's also not afraid to tackle social issues. In 1976, he broke new ground with "The Killing of Georgie (Part I and II)," about his friend who was killed because of his sexual identity.

Stewart dismisses the idea of being courageous writing the first mainstream pop song to deal with gay bashing.

"It was a true story and it's much easier to write about the truth," Stewart said about the iconic song.

The 73-year old crooner gets serious again with his new album's first single, "Didn't I," which deals with teenage substance abuse from the parent's perspective. In an interview with The Associated Press this week, the Grammy-winning singer discussed his longevity in the music business, what he thinks of the #MeToo movement and maintaining his signature hairstyle.



Rod Stewart poses for a portrait on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018 in New York to promote his tour and upcoming album, "Blood Red Roses."

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AP: That hair is just amazing. How do you keep it up?

Stewart: It's pretty good, isn't it? I don't know. I think I've just been lucky, you know, with the hair. It gets a lot of manipulation, you know, because I always have to keep it (up). When I'm doing a show, I have to go and dry it. ...I cut it every two weeks. No, but other than that I just think I'm lucky.

AP: You move pretty well onstage for a guy in his seventies...

Stewart: Soccer has always been a passion of mine. You know, I played it, read about it, watched it all my life, and I still play a little bit. And I do work out a lot, I must admit. And that keeps me fit for onstage. How long can I go on? That's the million-dollar question. You know, I enjoy it. I get excit-

ed about it, and as long as that exists, I think I can carry on for another three weeks (laughs).

AP: Your two sons were onstage with you at your Madison Square Garden show this week. Do you always take them on the road?

Stewart: They don't come on the stage every night. Only when they're on tour (with me in the summer).

And they pester me. The older one is getting a bit too old for it now. But the young one loves it. You know, he loves it. But having younger kids, I've got eight kids all together, certainly does keep you on your toes, and they, especially the youngest one, he's just so cute. He amuses me all day long. It makes me smile. And that's longevity in itself, I think being able to smile all day.

AP: You've always been a fan of the ladies, do you consider yourself a...

Stewart: Sex symbol? Now I hate that word. ...I never purposely went out to attract the opposite sex. I mean, it just comes with the music, you know, the music is very sensuous and vibrant. So, if I do something suggestive onstage it's merely by accident.

AP: "The Killing of Georgie" was bold for its time. Do you feel it helped change attitudes in some small way?

Stewart: Yeah, yeah, you're right. It was actually banned by the BBC when it first came out. But the most interesting thing about "Georgie" is I bump into a lot of people, gay men who say, "You know when 'The Killing of Georgie' came out, it really helped me through my breaking out and feeling proud about who I am." And that means a lot to me. □

Marilyn Monroe dresses, personal photos going up for auction

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dresses that belonged to Marilyn Monroe along with an autographed photo thanking the executive who launched her Hollywood career will go on display before heading to auction. Auction house Profiles in History announced Wednesday that the items will be exhibited in Beverly Hills starting Aug. 18. An auction will follow in late October.

They include a photograph that Monroe signed to 20th Century Fox executive Ben Lyon that reads: "Dear Ben,

You found me, named me and believed in me when no one else did. My thanks and love forever. Marilyn" Born Norma Jeane Mortenson, Monroe changed her name after coming to Hollywood. She used her mother's maiden name Monroe, while Lyon provided the "Marilyn."

The photo was taken during the filming of "The Seven Year Itch," the 1955 movie that provided history's lasting image of Monroe, standing over a subway grate and holding down her white dress.

A version of the dress, made

by the original designer Bill Travilla for Monroe for tours and exhibits, is also among the items up for sale, along with her hand-annotated script for the film.

Also in the auction are Monroe's personal childhood photographs 15 costumes she wore in films, including dresses from "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" and "How to Marry a Millionaire."

The exhibit at The Paley Center for Media will also feature large format photographs of Monroe by fashion photographer Milton H. Greene, who was a friend of the actress. □



This combination photo shows actress Marilyn Monroe posing over the updraft of a New York subway grate while filming "The Seven Year Itch" New York, and the dress she is wearing on a mannequin.

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Issa Rae on 'Insecure,' Drake and being a Lyft driver

By MESFIN FEKADU

NEW YORK (AP) — Issa Rae's character on the hit series "Insecure," who works for a nonprofit, does what most people in need of extra cash do: She becomes a Lyft driver.

But the idea of making the show's lead character a part-time driver came from Rae's own experience: The actress said she applied to become a Lyft driver and was rejected.

"I did the application, went to go get my stickers and (stuff) but then got denied because I had one traffic infraction in 2014 ... so I didn't get to do it. I told the writers' room ... (and) they were so tickled at the idea that I would be a Lyft driver," she said. "In thinking about just the rideshare phenomenon and how so many regular people are using it to make extra money, just the stories that come from that, it just made sense for Issa to have that as a side gig and all the awkward situations that could arise from being a Lyft driver."

Rae had applied to drive for Lyft when she had driv-



This image released by HBO shows Issa Rae in a scene from the series "Insecure," which airs Sunday on HBO.

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en to Malibu last year to write the first episode of season two of "Insecure." She said she filled up the rental car with gas and had extra, and wanted to make use of it. She said her show and Lyft don't have a deal though:

"HBO doesn't really allow that."

"It's great that HBO is like, 'Nah, we're not taking any brand input,'" she added. "Oddly enough, for a later episode we got into some trouble because some brands aren't about it."

Season three, which returns Sunday on HBO (10:30 p.m. ET), picks up with Rae moving in with her ex, Daniel, and dealing with not being in the field for her full-time job because of a mistake she made. The 33-year-old, who earned her first Emmy nomination this year for her leading role in the show she created, explains how Jay Ellis reacted to not being a part of season three, the fashion statements she's made and appearing in Drake's "Nice for What" video.

third season show you kind of feel like you know it. And even as writers you get a bit complacent like, 'We know this (stuff), we know what we're doing. We know who these people are. We got formula.' And that's what you never want."

She spent six months writing the episodes and three months filming. It all started with a retreat that she and executive producer Prentice Penny went on to discuss their thoughts for the season.

"It is scary," she said of adding new elements to the show and switching it up, "because you're like, 'People are used to what they're used to.'"

"But knowing where we took it overall, I'm very proud of it," she added.

BOY BYE

Most of the headlines surrounding the return of "Insecure" were about how Jay Ellis' character, Lawrence, would no longer be on the show.

But how did Ellis take the news when Rae delivered it?

Rae laughs when asked the question, then says: "It took a while because we were like, 'Oh maybe he'll show up, maybe he'll show up.' We just didn't know truthfully what was going to

happen and after all we were just like, 'We have to tell him, because he could be working on something else.' Don't want to waste his time."

"It was just a phone call. He took it really well," she said. Fans petitioned for Rae to bring Lawrence back on the show, but the creator said while she adores the show's fans, she's not interested in "creative feedback."

"If you're predicting the show, then we're not doing our job," she said.

FASHIONABLY FORTHRIGHT

After Rae said in an interview on the red carpet for the 2017 Emmys that she was "rooting for everybody black," T-shirts with those words began selling online. But she said she didn't create the shirts and isn't cashing in.

"The only time I spoke up about it was when I saw on Facebook this Chinese company selling them, because they had Photoshopped my face to make it seem like I was selling the shirt. And I looked it up like, 'Who's doing this?' And it was a Chinese company that wasn't even, nobody was black. So I was like, 'Uh uh, I'm going to report this (expletive) 'cause you're not rooting for everyone black.' You're stealing from everyone black," she said.

On "Insecure," and in her real life, she's made bold fashion statements: On the show she wore a sweater with the N-word on it, and when she hosted this year's CFDA Awards, she sported a belt embroidered with "Every N---- Is A Star."

"That was so dope," she said of the belt. "It's just like, 'We're here.' Why not make a statement?"

VIDEO VIXEN

She's not Kiki, but she loves Drake: Rae said appearing in his music video for "Nice for What" was "a dream come true." Rae makes a cameo in the clip alongside other women blazing trails in entertainment, including Tiffany Haddish, Tracee Ellis Ross, Misty Copeland and Yara Shahidi. □

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Lebanese diva breaks taboo with clip announcing cancer fight

By ZEINA KARAM

BEIRUT (AP) — It was an unusual way to reveal a struggle against cancer, particularly in a part of the world where the illness is still largely considered a private matter and taboo. But a video clip released on Twitter is how Lebanese singer Elissa chose to share the news with her fans and millions of followers on social media.

"You are the reason I am strong and healthy ... you are my strength. And this story is a thank you," she posted, along with the song uploaded on YouTube entitled: "For all those who love me."

The video clip begins with a woman inside an MRI machine and someone saying "It's an early stage of breast cancer," and goes on to show the 45-year-old singer in various situations at a hospital, with doctors and surrounded by friends. It features a voiceover of Elissa speaking about her battle.

The response was overwhelming from fans, celebrities and politicians across the Arab world who posted, tweeted and retweeted messages of



In this July 13, 2012, photo, Lebanese diva Elissa, whose real name is Elissar Khoury, the best known highest-selling female artists in the Arab world, kisses her fans, in Beirut, Lebanon.

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support. The video clip has garnered more than seven million views from fans and supporters since it was posted on Tuesday.

The clip and outpouring of support were all the more striking because cancer in most of the Arab world, and particularly breast cancer among women, is rarely discussed in public, and cancer patients often struggle in solitude. Some among the older genera-

tion continue to refer to cancer as "that disease," without mentioning it by name.

Elissa declined a request for comment through her agent, who said the singer was not giving interviews. Elissa, whose real name is Elissar Khoury, is among the best known and highest-selling female artists in the Arab world and received several music awards in her career, mostly for Arabic

pop songs delivered in the Lebanese or Egyptian dialect.

She was diagnosed with the illness in December 2017 but kept it secret, even after she collapsed on stage during a live performance in Dubai in February this year. She later tweeted to her fans that she was healthy, adding: "Nothing serious don't worry!"

The collapse is featured in the seven-minute video re-

leased on Tuesday.

"I do my radiotherapy session, I go to the studio, I finish another session, I rest for two hours and go to the studio again," Elissa says in the video clip, describing how she kept up her work during her treatment.

The song has a feel-good catchy tune with a refrain that says: "Yalla, yalla yalla (come on!), let's sing and be happy, let's make up for time lost, come on let's live," alternating between scenes at a hospital and Elissa singing and dancing on stage.

Fans across the Arab world posted supportive messages, describing her as a super hero and a model of strength. They included the Lebanese foreign minister who tweeted that Elissa should be an inspiration for all women with cancer not to give up.

Elissa, who is scheduled to perform in Beirut on Friday night, ended the video with the words: "I've recovered. I've beaten the illness, and I won. ... Early detection of breast cancer can save your life. Don't ignore it, face it. ... Do it not only for yourself, but for your loved ones." □

Alyssa Milano, Debby Ryan talk 'Insatiable' and fat shaming

By BROOKE LEFFERTS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — After the trailer was released for the new Netflix series "Insatiable," some on social media voiced concern: Was the dark comedy fat shaming? The show, which drops Friday, follows the return to high school of a girl named Patty, who loses a lot of weight after years of bullying. Having lost the weight, she's out for revenge.

Debby Ryan and co-star Alyssa Milano agreed that while the subject matter was difficult, "Insatiable" serves a purpose in stirring conversation. Twitter's response is evidence of that. "It was hurtful that people thought that we were doing it just as a joke," Ryan, 24, told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

"And confirmed how important it was for us to ..."

"Do it," Milano said, finishing the thought.

Ultimately, Milano said, the series is a classic tale of growing up.

"I think it is a coming-of-age story not only for Debby's character Patty, but all of the characters in the show," said Milano, who plays a driven, conniving housewife with a heart. "And I think it is a satirical look at what happens at the point in life when you have accepted your own truth and your truth has empowered you to then move past it and what you have to do to move past it."

As for the social media controversy, Milano, 45, said she's "of the school that it is much better to talk about these things and at its best,



Actress Alyssa Milano participates in the BUILD Speaker Series to discuss the new Netflix original series "Insatiable" at AOL Studios on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018, in New York.

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entertainment should be a conversation starter." As the show progresses, the Twitterverse "will have more to probably shame us about and be upset about."

Ryan, a former child star on the Disney Channel series

"Jessie," said fat shaming is "one of the last unspoken prejudices that people just blatantly do all of the time and almost don't get slapped on the wrist for it." Her character is taunted as "Fatty" Patty, leading to

a confrontation that forces her to have her jaw wired shut. Consequently, she loses weight. Ryan wore prosthetics for the role and learned something about the experience firsthand.

"As a woman, when people, kids who are playing the bullies, or crew members would see me walking around in prosthetics they would laugh and be like 'that's crazy,'" she said.

"The rage of being treated so differently when the same person is in there," Ryan added. "That was so scary because I thought, 'Well am I thin enough to play the thin version of her? Are we now making a definition of what is officially considered, how much weight is considered fat and how much weight is considered thin?'" □


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